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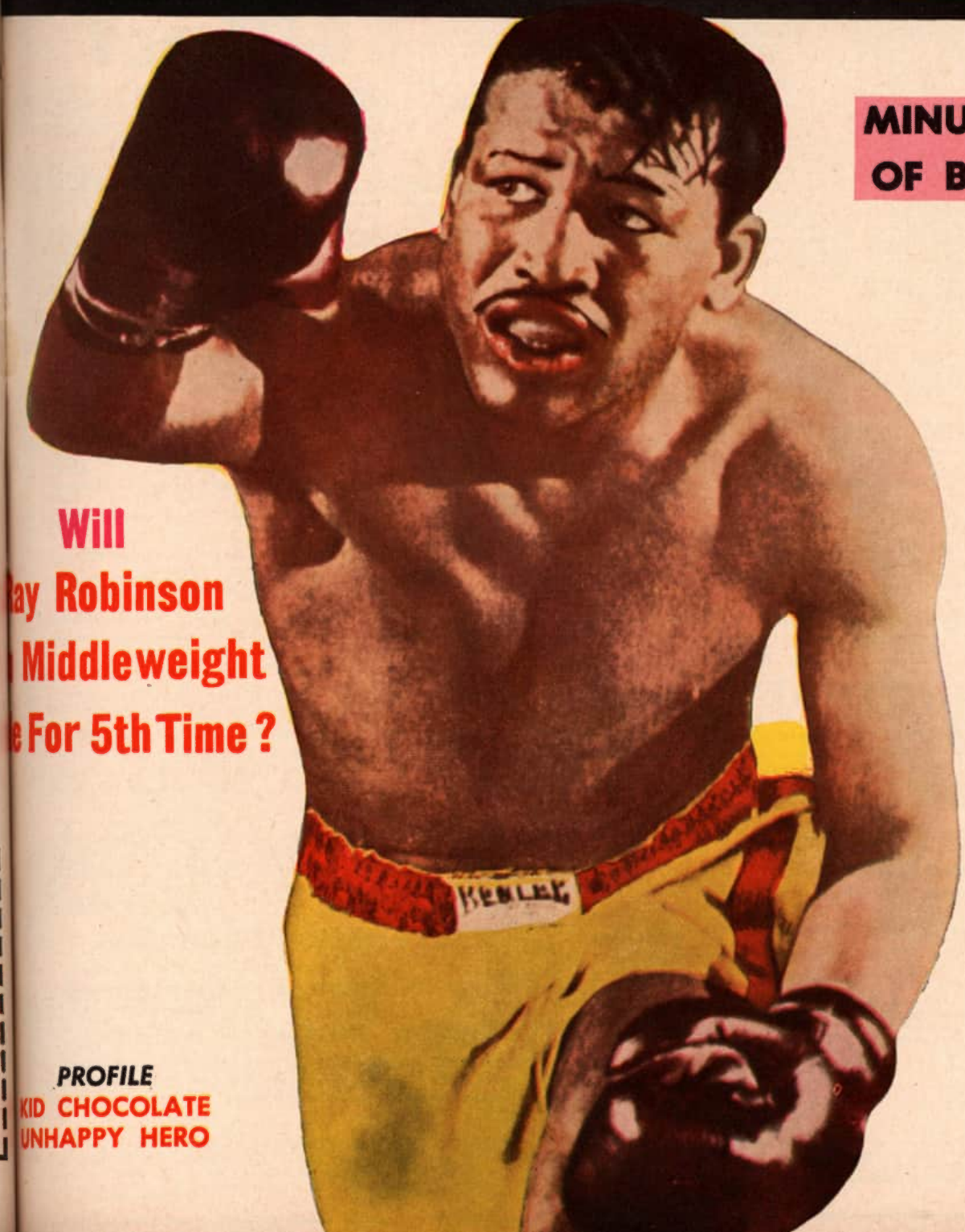

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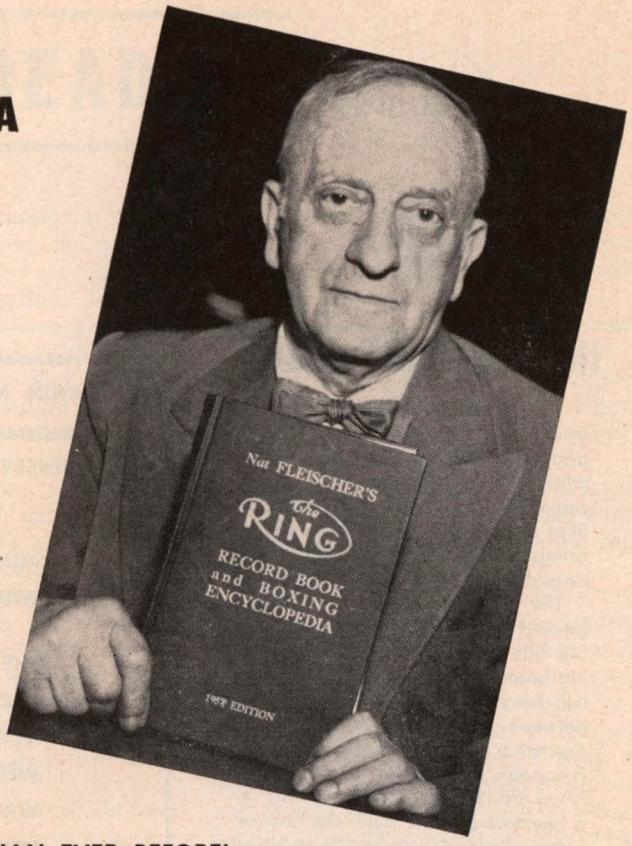

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The Big Fight of the Year—the return bout between Carmen Basilio and Ray Robinson for the world middleweight championship will come off on March 25 and The Ring Magazine in its May issue brings you complete coverage from ringside, in story and pictures.

The next issue is an action-packed one, for in addition to the big title fight many other outstanding bouts will have taken place and will be reported in full. The fight between Joe Erskine, British Empire champion, and Ingemar Johansson, European king, which may decide Floyd Patterson's next opponent in a heavyweight title fight; the twelve-round elimination contest for welterweight honors between Isaac Logart and Virgil Akins; Yvon Durelle and Tony Anthony fighting it out for light heavyweight honors; the big bout between the No. 1 and No. 2 heavyweight contenders, Eddie Machen and Zora Folley—all these and more will be fully covered.

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PUNCH LINES

FROM OUR READERS

WILDE—60 YEARS

Gentlemen:

My best wishes to The Ring on my coming sixty-sixth birthday. I wish to humbly thank you for your kindnesses to me on so many occasions. I am humbly grateful for your courtesies, and your tribute to me as a fighter. I knew no fear because I knew that God would decide whether I deserved to win or not. In His mercy, He granted me some fine victories over men who were as brave as I.

I wish to tell your Ring readers that I thank them for their letters and prayers. I always read your wonderful Ring magazine, it is the best of its kind in the world.

Boxing is great sport and clean. We should have more of it because of the virtues it implants in our youth.

I thank God for every day in my life. I recently saw a fine American boy, Don Jordan of California lose a close go to another fine lad, Charnley, at Harringay Arena. It was a nip and tuck bout. I thought that the American lad had a bit the better of it, but the referee though differently. Well the referee can be wrong.

Yours,

James Wilde
Former world flyweight champion
London, England

Ed. Jimmy Wilde, in the opinion of the majority of fistic experts, was the greatest of all flyweights. He was a ring marvel and was known as the "Mighty Atom". Our heartiest congratulations to the champion, for such he shall always remain.

STOP LEANING BACK

Dear Mr. Fleischer:

I have been a follower of boxing since the second Dempsey-Tunney fight. Likewise I have been reading the "Ring" since that time.

I have read much on the lives and careers of many of the old time fighters including Jack Dempsey, Jack Johnson, James J. Jeffries, Corbett, Fitzsimmons, John L. Sullivan, Stanley Ketchel etc.

My big complaint with you and some of your writers is your obvious leaning towards the old time fighters as against modern fighters. Conditions in the old days were radically different, including rules and fighters in those days trained for endurance. I believe modern fighters, because of the accelerated pace at which they fight expend as much or more energy in a 10 or 15 round bout as the old timers did in 40 or 50 rounds.

I believe Jack Dempsey is doing neither himself nor boxing any good by writing articles as he did recently in a well known man's magazine. The article to which I have reference was entitled "Floyd Patterson is a paperweight champ." Is Dempsey so hard up for a buck that he has to resort to that kind of stuff to make money? I think he was doing a disservice to a great young fighter, a boy who may re-write the record books before he hangs 'em up. In my humble layman's opinion, Patterson stands head and shoulders above anything in the heavyweight division and that includes the highly touted Eddie Machen. Floyd came in for a lot of criticism when he agreed to fight Peter Rademacher in Seattle. I feel that when a man is a professional fighter and receives an offer of $250,000 to defend his title, even if the opponent were to be Betty Grable, he would have to have rocks in his head not to accept such a payday and I'll wager dollars to doughnuts that Jack Dempsey or any of your past champs would have accepted such an offer without hesitation. Dempsey remarked that Patterson was "cheapening the game by fighting an amateur" (Rademacher). Some of Jack's opponents would not have stood too close inspection either, Billy Miske, dying of Bright's disease, Tommy Gibbons, a blown up light heavy several years past his prime, Carpentier, also a light heavy and not an outstanding one at that, Firpo a big slow lumbering fellow with a terrific right hand and nothing else, Bill Brennan a fairly good fighter who was stopped by an illegal punch, the rabbit punch. Nat, it is my belief that the only time a champion deserves to be criticized for the quality of his opponents is when he deliberately ducks a worthy challenger to fight a setup. Certainly Patterson cannot be accused of ducking anyone.

To get to some of the other divisions it looks like Archie Moore can keep his light heavy title a couple more years anyway. The fight with Yvon Durelle should have been the tip off on Anthony. He looked bad in that one and almost lost it. Harold Johnson appears to be the best of the challengers. In the middleweights, I like Rory Calhoun best of all. Next to him I would rate "Spider" Webb and Charlie Joseph. Of course Joey Giardello is capable of taking out anybody on a good night but time is starting to run out on Joey. Calhoun, Webb, and Joseph all have youth in their favor.

In the welters it looks like Logart and Akins. This Akins is a real pro, plenty of experience and he may walk off with the title.

Kenny Lane is the uncrowned king in the lightweight division.

Hogan Bassey is a grand little fighter in the featherweight division. Ike Chestnut is on the rise again and Davey Moore looks like a classy boy.

Alphonse Halimi looks like the goods in the bantamweights and Pascual Perez in the flyweights seems to have the situation well in hand.

Yes Nat, oldtimers may ridicule and belittle all they want about the modern fighters but the years from 1930 through the present have produced many great fighters. To me they have been the golden years of boxing. This period produced the only man in ring history to hold 3 titles simultaneously, Hammering Henry Armstrong. Henry would have been a champion no matter what era he would have fought in. They also produced the two youngest fighters ever to win the heavyweight title, Joe Louis 23, and Floyd Patterson 21. In addition to this Louis held the title longer than anybody and defended it more times than any heavyweight champ.

You have a great magazine Nat, truly the "Voice of Boxing." I would like to make a suggestion. I would like to see the true story behind the $250,000 guarantee to Floyd Patterson by a group of Georgia businessmen. I believe it was racial prejudice that fostered this deal since it is inconceivable that anybody would be willing to put up that kind of money to see a professional champion fight an untried amateur.

Best regards Nat

Gus Ottmar

LET'S NOT FORGET

Dear Sir:

I think Ring magazine is a fine magazine and congratulations to the people behind it.

I am writing to you about the greatest fighter that ever lived, Les Darcy, who died at the age of 21 in your country.

Les was unmarked when he died. He held his hands low and fought the greatest talent in the world—proof of his skill. In a spar with Fulton in America, he showed he could have knocked him out when and where he pleased and as a result of this spar and the outcry over his sneaking off from Australia, he could not get a fight in America. He

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By DAN DANIEL

Will Robinson Win Middle Title For Fifth Time?

Robinson's Answer Is "Yes!" Basilio Says: "I Made Too Many Mistakes In Our Last Fight. The Next Time Robbie Will Be Easier."

CARMEN BASILIO, middleweight champion of the world, was working out for his approaching defense of the title against Ray Robinson, from whom he had taken it last September 23 in Yankee Stadium. The Onion Man was scheduled to face Sugar Ray again in the Chicago Stadium on March 25. Perhaps there would be the inevitable postponement, with an outdoor fight in June. But Basilio was training for a March engagement, and training hard and intelligently.

The environment of the champion's training base hardly was lush and lavish. He was working out in a little gymnasium on a side street, not the sort of place usually connected with a world title holder's defense plotting.

The atmosphere was quiet. Johnny De John and Joe Netro, his co-managers and trainers, were their usually calm selves. No noise, no excitement. Basilio is the Quiet Man of the ring. No flamboyant statements. A serious business man devoted to a serious enterprise.

Mrs. Basilio, Kay, doesn't usually attend his training exercises, but she had dropped in to look after her man.

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She supervises his meals, cooks them, sees that he isn't worried and harassed, and when he fights, sits at the ringside, always cognizant of the fact that her husband is a professional boxer and she must be prepared to see him hurt. It's no fun for a wife to sit there calmly while her man is bleeding from cuts on his face, and cruel welts form on his body. But, Kay is thoroughly the ring wife.

BASILIO INDOORS BECAUSE SUN WOULD SAP STRENGTH

Eventually, the workout ended. The champion had his shower. The Basilio smile, a warm greeting, and *"What are you doing down here?"*

Trivial things for a few minutes. The weather. Then Basilio was asked why he wasn't training out in the sun at one of the swank hotels at Miami Beach. Any one of a dozen would have welcomed him.

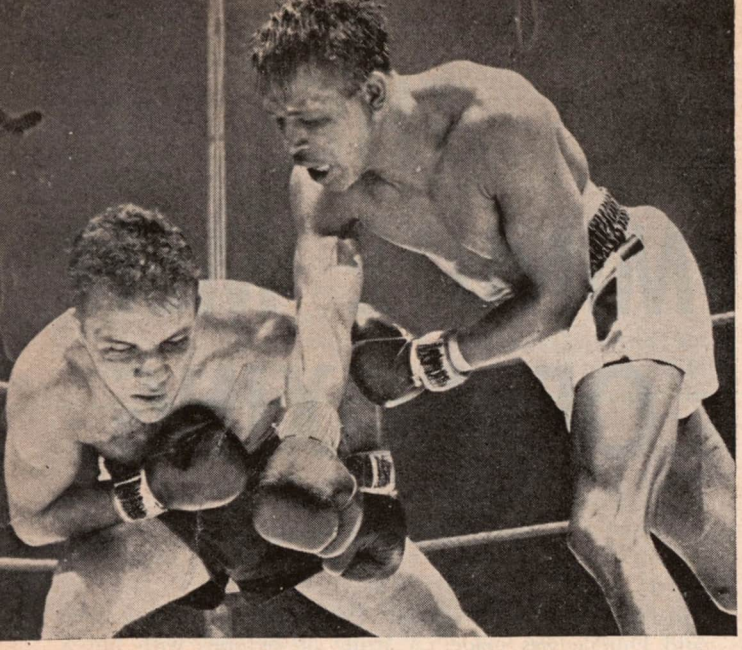
"This is sub tropical country," student Carmen explained. *"You work out in the hot sun, and it saps your vitality. I am not getting ready for a beauty contest."* The notion struck Basilio as funny, and a look at his craggy face again drove home the fact that he was no work of art aesthetically.

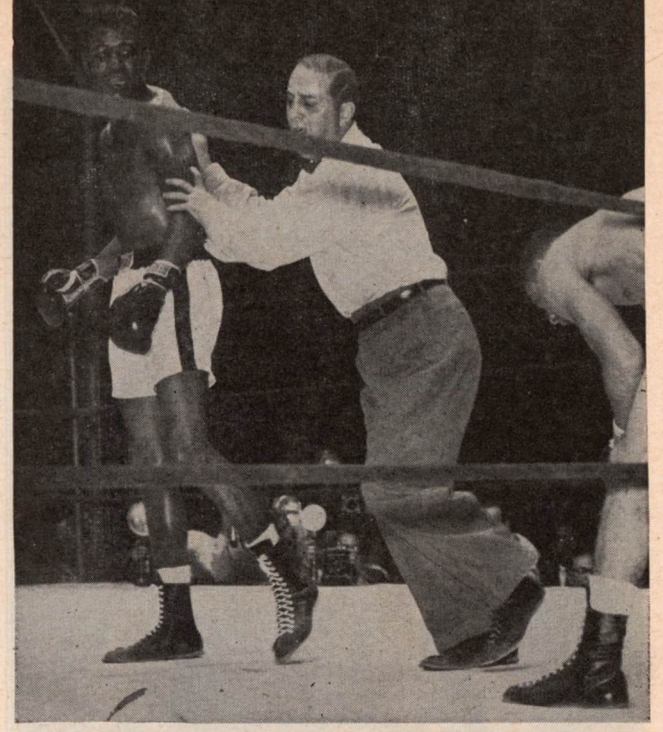
"I don't need tanning from the sun, or from Ray, either, for that matter," Carmen continued.

"Will I beat that guy again?" Carmen grinned. *"Any time I get into a ring I know I will win. I never have contemplated the possibility of losing. Yes, I have lost. But those were surprises. Never have I lost without having been the gainer in so far as my career was concerned.*

"I never fail to learn, win or lose. Now, back in September, I learned a lot of things fighting Robinson, a great boxer and ring planner. I don't have to tell you that. Nobody ever has under-rated Ray, either in a ring or in a magazine story. He is one of the all time greats."

It is known that Basilio dislikes Ray personally. But Carmen has great respect and admiration for him as a technician.





"Well, Dan, I have seen the movies of that September fight," Basilio went on. "I have reviewed it, round by round, move by move, a hundred times. I made a lot of mistakes.

"I am not kidding myself. I know what I did wrong and some of my errors keep astonishing me, Basilio the trouper, Carmen the experienced fighter. I ask myself, 'How come? Why did you do that in the seventh round? Why didn't you do as you had planned in the last two heats?'

"Well, De John and Netro will tell you that if there is anything consistent about me, it is this—I don't make the same mistake twice, not if I know it was a rock.

"I blundered too much last September 23, and I am going to see that I don't do it again. I am training to wipe out the errors. And to set up certain lines of attack and defense which will improve my general position on March 25.

"At the time of my Yankee Stadium fight with Ray, I figured that I knew all about him as a fighter. It seems I didn't."

Pressed for details about his errors against Robinson, Basilio laughed, "Robinson reads The Ring Magazine. Does Macy tip off Gimbel?

"Seriously, discussing such matters is not good. But I will say this. The biggest mistake I made was to give Robinson too big a ring.

"I have to cut the size of the ring down by a third. I invited him to manoeuvre. Maybe I miscalculated the guy's stamina. Could be I had some sub-conscious feeling that the more ground he covered, the sooner would he tire."

"Well, you were there and you saw Robinson still fighting when the final bell rang, so, while he tired, he did not tire enough and fast enough," Basilio said.

"Now we meet again with the physical side, and the psychology, of the fight favoring me greatly.

"Robinson is considerably older. He is at the age when fighters think of ease and retirement.

"Robinson knows I can beat him. That's very important. Ray knows it and so do I. That also is important. I have it on him in stamina—yes, determination, too. I have not been spoiled by too many heavy pay days.

"That, in short, is the story of Carmen Basilio on his way to his second fight with Ray Robinson."

Mrs. Basilio moved into the picture, smiling. Few wives of great fighters have busied themselves with their husbands' preparations for title effort.

"I don't try to tell Carmen how to fight," she laughed. "I see that he gets the proper food, that he eats at the right time, that he relaxes properly, that he has no distractions. I try to get his mind off the fight once he gets into his street

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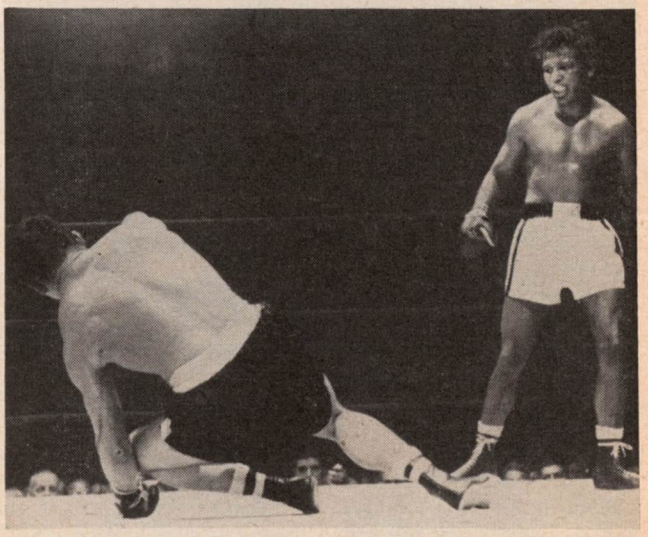


(Upper left) Ray Robinson (right) won the world middleweight title for the first time in 1951 when he battered Jake LaMotta into a thirteen round kayo in Chicago. After losing the crown to Randy Turpin in London, he regained it by halting Turpin in ten rounds (Upper right) in New York on September 12, 1951. Sugar Ray won the title for the third time in 1955 when he was coming back after having retired in 1952, halting Bobo Olson in two rounds (second from top). The fourth reign came in 1957, when he regained title from Gene Fullmer, knocking him out in fifth round (above).

Tiberio Mitri (right) subbed for Rocky Graziano on a week's notice in world middleweight title bout in 1950 against Jake LaMotta. He lost fifteen round decision but gave fine account of himself.

THE MINUTE MEN OF BOXING

By JOHNNY SALAK

THERE are no substitutes for the Minute Men of Boxing. For these are the emergency fighters, boys who get the eleventh-hour call, filling in as last minute replacements when the main event folds for one reason or another. Or, for a "rash" of reasons.

The lot of the substitute is not a happy one and his chances of making good are usually just about nil. Not that in the last-minute press releases he won't exude confidence and say, "Boy, this is the one big opportunity I've been waiting for! I had a hunch this was going to happen so I've been working hard at the gym."

He knows that even though the commission has okayed him, he's probably not in the best of condition. Sure, he's been down to the gym, but he's been taking it easy and slopping it up a bit. Besides the main guy in there has probably turned down a half a dozen other suggested opponents until they came to our friend, the Minute Man, at which point the guy in the driver's seat eagerly accepted.

Our subject, unfortunately, is not a fit subject. Sure, he passed, but he's outclassed. By chance he's in, by chance he might win.

Occasionally, the Minute Man rallies his resources and comes through and if he does he's usually projected himself into the limelight. It doesn't happen often but happen it has and for every dozen substitutes that went down the drain a glowing account can be recalled of the guy who came through.

Substitute matches are more frequent nowadays, a vital necessity when TV foots the bill and the show must go on.

During the first month of this year each one of the nationally televised series had to ring in a substitute. None came through, except in the one instance when both fighters in the main event got the emergency call.

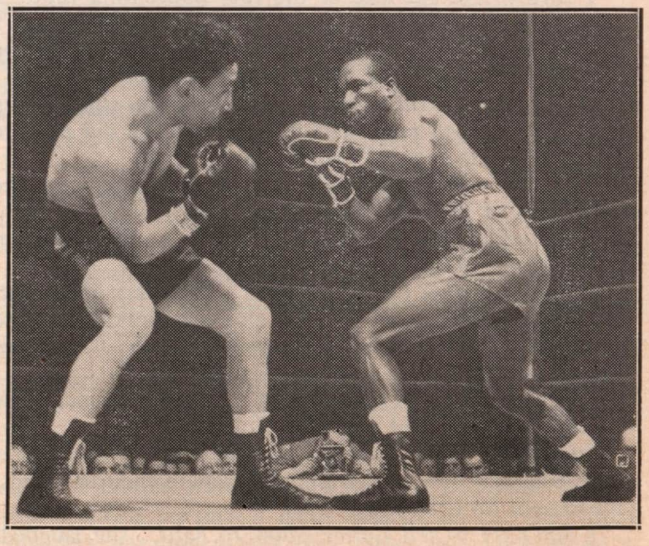
Just take the recent series of events covering what would have been a fine attraction at Madison Square Garden, pitting Fisherman Yvon Durelle against Tony Anthony. There is not too much going in the light heavyweight class and this is one of the better matches. Last year Anthony was right up there, Durelle was comparatively unknown outside a fish market. They fought, it was a draw and Durelle was made. A string of victories with but a knockout loss at the hands of Clarence Hinnant and Durelle was barking for a title shot. In the meantime, Anthony got a crack at the crown, was disposed of by Archie Moore and is now working his way back up the ladder. The fight's a natural. It threatens to pull a few live ones into the Garden.

So what happens? Everything is going along smoothly. Durelle arrives in New York eight days before the fight from his Canadian bailiwick, Baie Ste. Anne, and is completing his training at Bobby Gleason's gym in the Bronx. Anthony also is in New York, working like mad Anthony. The Monday before the Friday fight, Durelle and Anthony are passed by the physicians at the Commission.

So far, so good. At five o'clock on Tuesday, Billy Brown, I. B. C. matchmaker, gets a call he needs like a hole in his head. Durelle is sick. The panic is on. The storm signals are out. The fishing fleet is in danger!

"I sent a commission doctor to the hotel, Dr. Samuel Swetnick," said Brown, like a man resigned to harboring a floating fleet of ulcers. "The doctor calls me back and says that Durelle cannot go on this week, it is impossible. Poison in his system. Then I called Anthony's manager, Ernie Braca, and told him I would try to get him another fighter.

"I tried to get Yolande Pompey and then Jerry Luedee.



Willie Pep (left) was recognized by New York as featherweight champ in 1946 and Sal Bartolo was N. B. A. boss. When Bartolo pulled out of title bout, Jimmy McAllister (right), who had held Pep to a draw, was substituted in non-title affair. Pep scored two round kayo.

They weren't ready. I then called Angelo Dundee down in Miami Beach. He has Clarence Hinnant. Angelo said, 'I'll call you back in an hour, I have to check and see if the fighter is in training, the fighter's in Washington.'

"When I didn't hear from Dundee I put in a call to Washington myself, by George, because I know where Hinnant can be located. I got him and he says, 'I just got through talking to Angelo Dundee. I told him I wasn't in the gym since the last fight on December 22.' I told Hinnant, 'Well, I don't want you.'

"Then I notify the commission there wasn't anybody for Anthony. Braca agreed to postpone the fight. I moved it to January 31, but then I still need a fight for Friday night. In the back of my mind I got Paddy Quaid in Los Angeles. He has Charley (Tombstone) Smith, one of the ranking welterweights who has never shown on national TV. Quaid just sent me a wire that he wants a match in New York.

"Now I'm in welterweights. Harry Stickevers happened to be here. He has Joe Miceli. I said, 'Your boy in shape?' He said, 'He's been working every day, Billy. In fact, I wish I could get somebody for him.' I said, 'Would you box Tombstone Smith?' He says yes, so I said, 'Well, stick ever so close to me, Stickevers, don't go away.'

"I called the Hollywood Legion Stadium looking for Paddy Quaid and Jack Leonard tells me, 'He just left here, he must be at the restaurant next door. Hold on, I'll go see.' I waited and Paddy came on and I started talking to him.

"'Hello, Paddy, is the boy in shape?'

"'He's training every day, waiting to hear from you.'

"'Well, I have short notice for you.'

"'When is it?'

"'This Friday.'

"Paddy says, 'We are leaving now. To fight who?'

"I tell him and it's okay. Stickevers calls his boy at the gym. You should have heard the boy on the phone. 'Oh, Boy,' he says, 'tomorrow's my birthday. That's a real present!' I called the commission and got approval and I made out the contracts and the match is closed. It was a good chance to show Smith and figured to be a good substitute match."

Well, you can never tell how these eleventh hour manipulations will go. For the first three rounds it looked like they had something. Miceli boxed beautifully, Smith acted like a tombstone. But then Charley-boy started zeroing in in the fourth and raked Miceli mercilessly through three rounds. The New Yorker ran out of steam, Smith was just getting a head of steam up. Miceli could not continue in the seventh round and the bout was halted. Which seemed to prove the old Navy axiom, "Subs go under."

So now the decks were cleared and they had Durelle and Anthony for the 31st. It figured to be smooth sailing, but it also figured to be Anthony's turn to get sick. Which he did.

Brown had the wires humming once again and this time Hinnant was waiting at the 'phone (after he left the gym). The match was settled quick, the new opponent grabbed on three days notice. As Durelle's conqueror, it figured to be a good fight, but after a couple of rounds Durelle started pounding away, hitting Hinnant with everything but a halibut and the referee stopped the bout in the seventh.

Now the Durelle-Anthony match has been rescheduled for March 14 at the Garden and matchmaker Brown, with fingers crossed and a rabbit's foot in each pocket, refuses to leave the 'phone until both boys are in the ring.

Fortune smiled on Italian Tiberio Mitri, the European middleweight champion, when he was picked to substitute for the injured Rocky Graziano against champion Jake LaMotta in a title bout at Madison Square Garden on July 12, 1950. The call for Mitri came a week before the bout took place. Mitri's stock was high and though he had fought in the States only once, decisioning Dick Wag-

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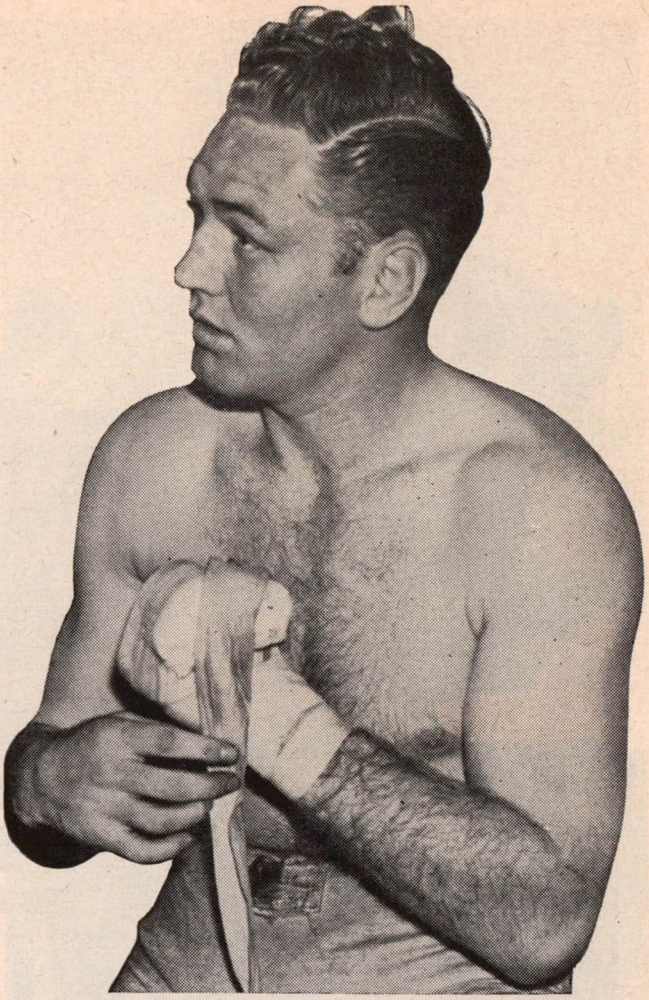
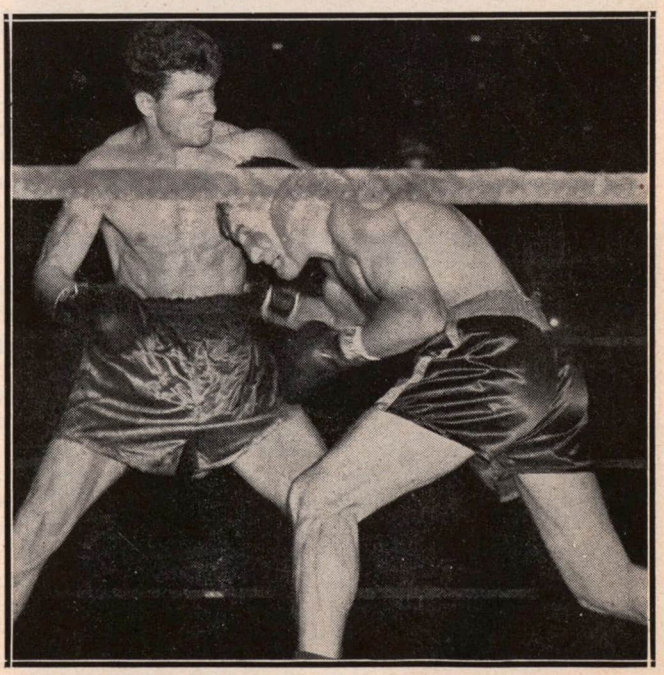
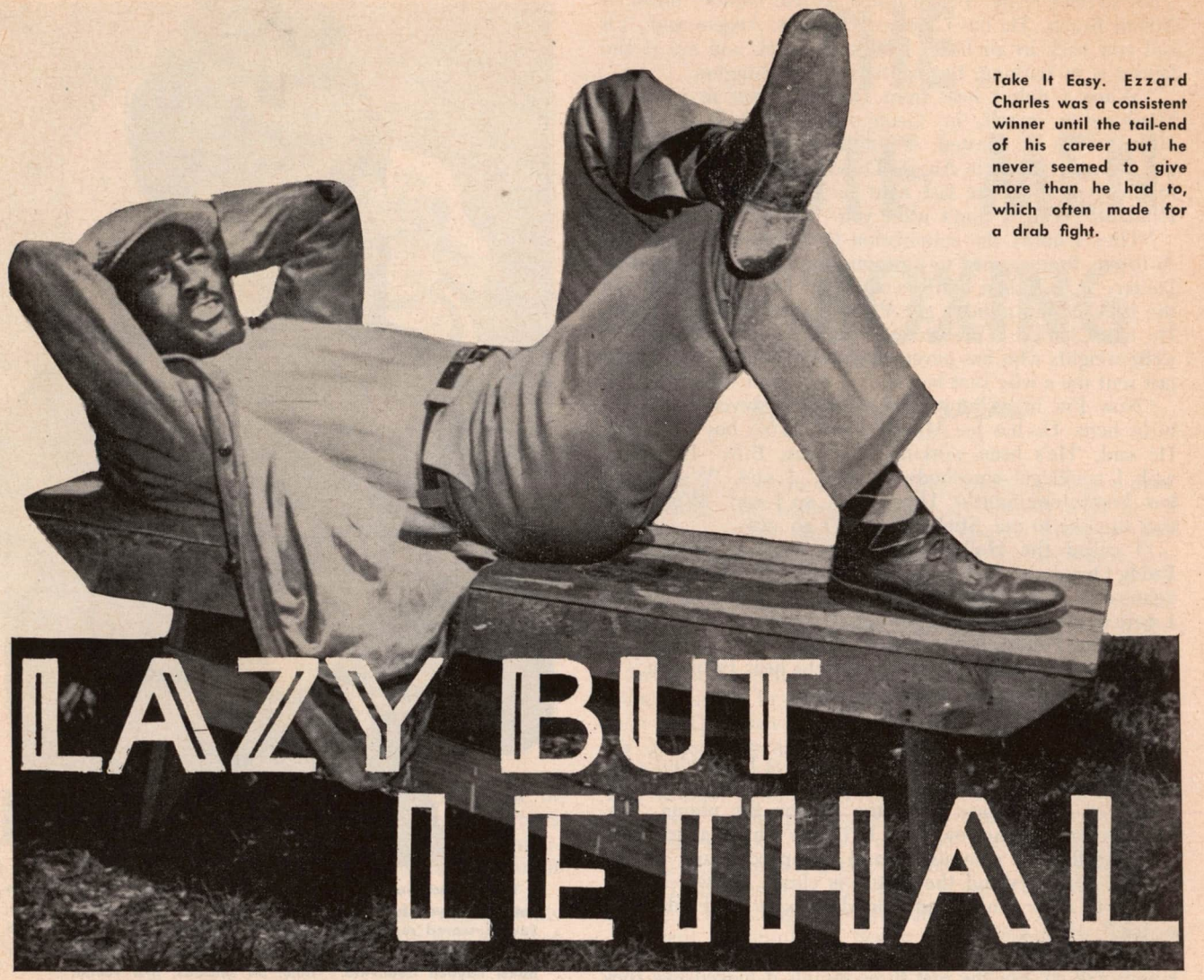


The Perfect Sub. Lee Savold got the emergency call when Joe Baksi was forced out of bout with Gino Buonvino in 1948. Savold scored record 54 second kayo, climbed high and gained British recognition as heavyweight champ. Three years later Baksi kayoed Buonvino. Time: 54 seconds, first round.



Lou Novo (left), acting as a Minute Man for Bob Pastor when Pastor cut leg, was the first fighter ever to be flown into New York from California as a substitute, and halted Gunnar Barlund in seven rounds.



Take It Easy. Ezzard Charles was a consistent winner until the tail-end of his career but he never seemed to give more than he had to, which often made for a drab fight.

LAZY BUT LETHAL

By LESTER BROMBERG

WEBSTER'S Dictionary—a rather reliable source—defines a professional as *"one who follows a line of conduct as though it were his life work, as contrasted with an amateur who does it for personal pleasure or relaxation."*

Thus the professional fighter automatically acquires a point of view which makes him less likely to remain at a pitch of excitement during a contest. By experience and outlook, he knows the easier way to do things . . . he plots to accomplish an end result, often disregarding what happens along the road there.

All of the foregoing constitutes background to proper understanding of a type of ringman almost as old as the sport itself—the "lazy but lethal" kind.

One of the most famous in this category was Sam Langford, Joe Woodman's immortal Boston Tar Baby who never was more than a middleweight but who could lick them up to heavyweights.

Old timers like to tell a story of a Langford fight, which they generally locate as in Brooklyn and with a Morris Harris in the spring of 1909.

"Sam dawdled along, making no more of an effort than he had to until they came out for the seventh round" is the way in which the tale is told. "As he got near Harris, he offered to touch gloves. Harris was surprised and said, 'What are you doing that for? This isn't the last round, we're going 10.' Langford showed his teeth in a smile and said, "'Oh, yes, it is the last round—for you.' And in the seventh Sam knocked him flat."

Woodman, who managed Langford for 19 years right from his first amateur bout, charitably doesn't go 'round belittling the story-tellers. But Joe insists that the alleged anecdote is an imaginative version of a similar, and true, incident.

"We used to tour, coast to coast," he recalled. "In the winter of 1910 we'd been to Los Angeles for a fight with Jim Flynn, then we jumped back to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where we had a match with Nat Dewey.

"As you can guess, Cheyenne was strictly frontier country and Sam, being a big-city man, was pretty sick of it after a few days. To tell the truth, I was too. But we were getting pretty good money and I wouldn't have walked out on a promoter anyway.

"However, I was aiming to get out fast and I checked the railroad timetables. I found that there was a train heading southwest—I was looking to get back to Los Angeles—which would come through Cheyenne about 11 o'clock and the fight was starting at 10, naturally.

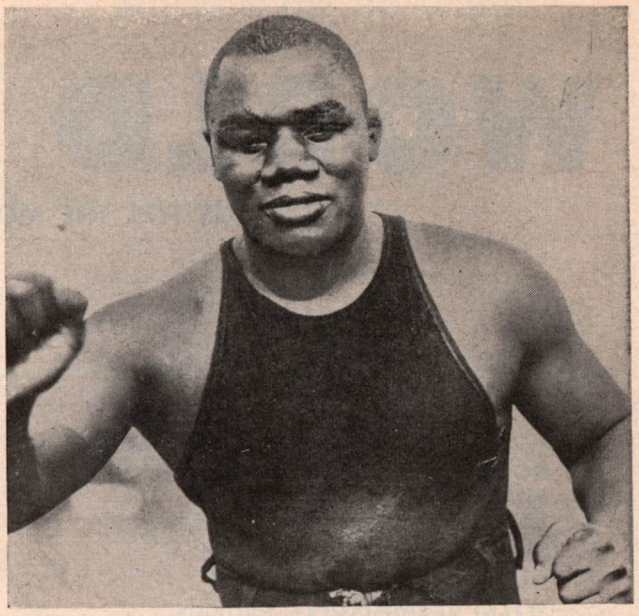
"Well, the club was half hour from the station by car over bumpy roads. I figured it out . . . if it went to a decision, we'd probably miss the train; if Sam scored an early knockout, we'd be on the train that night.

"In the dressing room before the fight, I said to him, 'Sam, you don't want an extra day here, do you?' He shook his head and said, 'Not if I can help it.' Then I said, 'Sam, you can help it. Knock this Dewey out in the first round and we'll be home free.' Sam didn't say yes, he just clapped his gloves together.

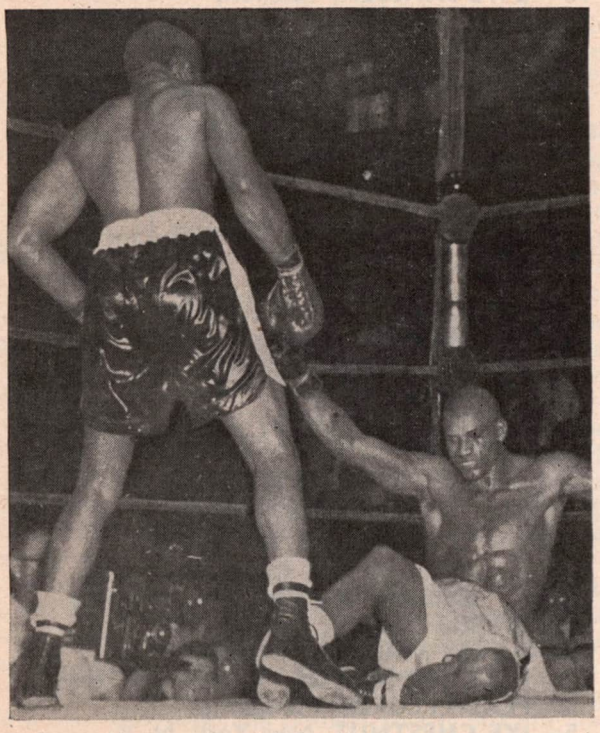
"Now, after the referee gave them instructions, Sam touched gloves with Dewey. It was the usual custom at the start of a fight in that time. But Sam did add something that wasn't the custom, he said to Dewey, 'this is the last round for you.'

It was smart talking because it upset Dewey. Watching them move around, I could see that Dewey was worried. About a minute and a half was gone, no more, when Sam dropped his left hand and leaned in. It was a teaser to get Dewey to throw a right and he went for it. Almost exactly as that happened, Sam crossed his own right. It caught Dewey flush on the jaw and he dropped flat onto his back.

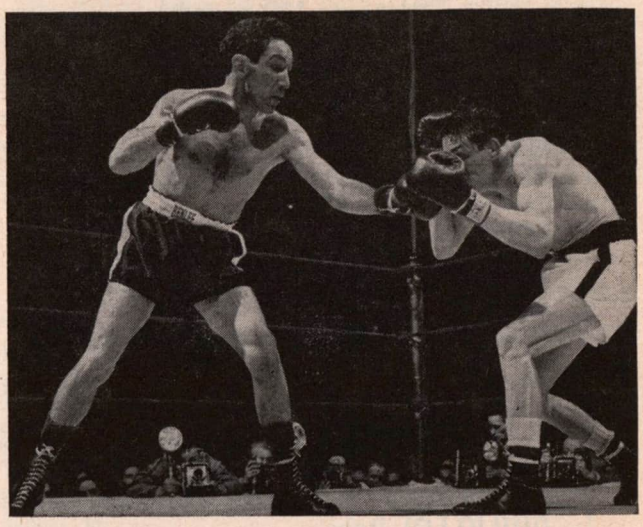
"Sam turned and walked to his corner. They could have counted to a hundred. Dewey wasn't getting up without help from his seconds. . . . Sam was dressed and out of the building in 10 minutes. We made our train with 20 minutes to spare."



Old Sam Langford was a dawdler in the ring, unless the spell came upon him or for other reasons he wanted to finish off an opponent fast. When he had to he could call the round to coincide with train schedules.



Ancient Archie Moore doesn't believe in waste motions or expending energy when unnecessary. All he wants an opponent to do is make a mistake and his dynamite-laden fists will do the rest, such as in his title bout with Harold Johnson in 1954. Behind on points going into the fourteenth he found the opening, dropped Johnson and the referee soon after halted the bout.



Willie Pep (left), the great featherweight boxing master, was content to go the distance when necessary but when conditions were right and action was called for, he could take you out, as five of his title challengers discovered. Ray Famechon (above) went the full fifteen.

Woodman's authentic reminiscences of Langford included the revelation that Sam hated only one fighter in his life, Jack Johnson, and Johnson belongs in this chronicle because he was another of the "lazy but lethal" class.

The case in point was his contest with middleweight champion Stanley Ketchel when he (Johnson) was heavyweight champion, in 1909 at Colma, Cal.

Of course, the memory of this affair has been clouded with an alleged confession by Johnson (made years later) that he had agreed to carry Ketchel, was double-crossed (when Ketchel knocked him down) and then knocked out Ketchel in heat of resentment.

The facts are these, as recorded by eye witnesses:

Johnson, taller, heavier and both a better boxer and a

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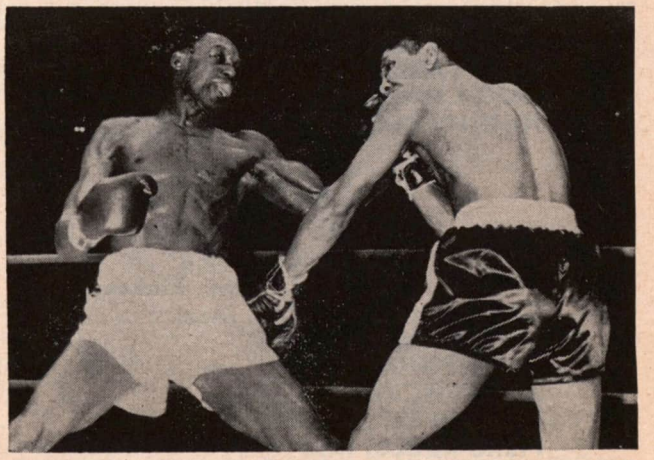

Lightweight champion Joe Brown (left) has often found himself behind on points or in a very close tussle, especially in championship bouts. Last year he pulled out his three title fights with kayoes, one of them against Joe Lopes (above).

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 23RD

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
FLOYD PATTERSON, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
2—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Arizona
3—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
4—**ROY HARRIS,** Cut and Shoot, Texas
5—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
6—**WAYNE BETHEA,** New York, N. Y.
7—**MIKE DeJOHN,** Syracuse, N. Y.
8—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina
9—**WILLI BESMANOFF,** Germany
10—**PAT McMURTRY,** Tacoma, Wash.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**YVON DURELLE,** Canada
3—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, B.W.I.
4—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
5—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
6—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
7—**ARTENIO CALZAVARA,** Italy
8—**CLARENCE HINNANT,** Washington, D. C.
9—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
10—**UWE JANSSEN,** Germany

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
CARMEN BASILIO, Syracuse, N. Y.

1—**RAY ROBINSON,** New York, N. Y.
2—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
3—**ELLSWORTH (Spider) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
4—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
6—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
7—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** San Francisco, Calif.
8—**WILLIE VAUGHN,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
10—**GENE ARMSTRONG,** Elizabeth, N. J.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
TITLE VACANT

1—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
2—**ISSAC LOGART,** Cuba
3—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
4—**CHARLEY (Tombstone) SMITH,** Los Angeles, Calif.
5—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
6—**GIL TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
8—**KID GAVILAN,** Cuba
9—**GEORGE BARNES,** Australia
10—**GARNET (Sugar) HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
3—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
4—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
5—**JOE LOPES,** Sacramento, Calif.
6—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
7—**BABY VASQUEZ,** Mexico
8—**AL NEVAREZ,** Mexico
9—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
10—**JOHNNY BUSSO,** New York, N. Y.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY, Nigeria

1—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
2—**DAVEY MOORE,** Springfield, O.
3—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
4—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
5—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
6—**RICARDO GONZALES,** Argentina
7—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico
8—**JEAN SNEYERS,** Belgium
9—**GIL CADILLI,** San Francisco, Calif.
10—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
ALPHONSE HALIMI, France

1—**RAUL (Raton) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
3—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
4—**AL ASUNCION,** Philippines
5—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
6—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
7—**MANUEL ARMENTEROS,** Cuba
8—**JOE BECCERA,** Mexico
9—**EUGENE LeCOZANNET,** France
10—**BILLY PEACOCK,** Los Angeles, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
2—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
3—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
4—**DOMMY URSUA,** Philippines
5—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
6—**RAMON CALATAYUD,** Venezuela
7—**DENNIS ADAMS,** South Africa
8—**MASAJI (Lefty) IWAMOTO,** Japan
9—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
10—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico

Fighter of the Month

CHARLES HUMEZ

SEVERAL important heavyweight bouts have been arranged for the next few weeks which are certain to bring about top changes in the international ratings, but only two took place prior to press time and these forced the temporary elimination of Ingemar Johansson of Sweden from the tenth spot to make way for Willi Besmanoff, Germany, conqueror of the previous Number Five ranked heavyweight, Pat McMurtry of Tacoma, Washington. McMurty's defeat dropped him to tenth place and enabled Besmanoff to land in ninth position.

Nino Valdes of Cuba, advanced from sixth to fifth because of McMurtry's defeat which necessitated advancing inactive Mike DeJohn, Wayne Bethea and Alex Miteff who is slated to box Valdes a few day after press time, a bout too late for inclusion in this issue.

Charles Humez, European middleweight champion who defeated Italo Scortichini in 10 rounds in Milan, is given the "Fighter of the Month" award, the victory being his ninety-second in one hundred bouts.

In the light heavyweight class Yvon Durelle edged nearer to a title bout with Archie Moore, who though champion of his division, continues to box in the heavyweight class. Durelle has taken Yolande Pompey's place next to Harold Johnson, leading contender, with Pompey dropped to third.

Artenio Calzavara of Italy went down from sixth to seventh, exchanging posts with Chuck Spieser who has returned to active boxing. Erich Schoppner of Germany advanced from tenth to ninth and Uwe Janssen of Germany, is tenth. Gerhard Hecht of Germany, now retired, has been eliminated.

Charley Joseph of New Orleans has been eliminated from the ratings due to his loss to Gene Armstrong of Elizabeth, N. J. His conqueror moves into the ratings in tenth position. Bobby Boyd of Chicago is now in ninth position while Willie Vaughn of Los Angeles, gained two points, up from tenth to eighth.

There were no changes in the welter class, but several among the lightweights were Joey Lopes of Sacramento advanced from sixth to fifth, Paolo Rosi of New York exchanging posts with him.

Dave Charnley of England has returned to the rankings. He is now listed ninth and Orlando Zulueta of Cuba, long a figure in international ratings, has been removed.

Paul Jorgensen's two victories, enabled the Port Arthur, Texas featherweight to gain third position, taking the place of Flash Elorde of the Philippines who has been inactive. Shigeji Kaneko of Japan has been eliminated due to inactivity and Gil Cadilli of San Francisco has been returned to the top ten. He is rated ninth.

In the bantam class Peter Keenan of Scotland has been dropped to make way for Billy Peacock of California who is back on a winning splurge.

Dennis Adams of South Africa, an excellent boxer, has been upped from tenth to seventh among the flyweights. He is making rapid headway.

Memo Diez of Mexico is down from ninth to tenth with Lefty Iwamoto of Japan dropped from seventh to eighth and another Japanese Sadao Yaoita down from eighth to ninth.

Here are the fights of the month:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Wayne Bethea outfought Young Jack Johnson, 10.
Willi Besmanoff upset Pat McMurtry, 10.
Cleveland Williams halted Gene White, 1. Rinaldo Ansaloni kayoed Jose Longo, 1.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Joe Hemphill, Chicago, Ill.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Harry Ball, New York, N. Y.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Rudy Ellis, Covert, Michigan
WELTERWEIGHT—Tom Brown, Trenton, N. J.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Gene Gresham, Los Angeles, Calif.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Kenny Morris, Omaha, Nebraska
BANTAMWEIGHT—Antonio Martin, France
FLYWEIGHT—Lorenzo Samuels, Panama

Oliver Wilson stopped Charlie Norkus, 4, and beat Sam Jones, 6. George Chuvalo decisioned Julio Mederos, 10.

Johnny Summerlin stopped Wayne Womochil, 5. Buddy Turman defeated Alvin Williams, 10. Ernest Terrell stopped Emil Brtko, 2.

Art Swiden outboxed Waban Thomas, 10. John Carroll kayoed Teddy Sorrels, 1, but lost to Ted Hutchinson, 8. Alfredo Zuany kayoed Otis Fuller, 4. Jose Georgetti kayoed Mario Perez, 1. Herman Henry stopped Marvin Ross, 3. Sylvester Garrison beat Bo Willis, 6.

Sonny Liston stopped Billy Hunter, 2. Al Lane defeated Rico Brooks, 5. George Kartalian decisioned Gordon Baldwin, 6. Dave Bailey defeated Ike Thomas, 6.

Terry Lewis beat Benny Mason, 6, and kayoed Willie Dennis, 1. Dave Rent kayoed Don Tatro, 1. Larry Zernitz kayoed Bob Harris, 3. Adi Beiver won over Rene Bisson, 6.

Tommy Thompson stopped George Brooks, 4. Frank Borsheim kayoed Chuck Jasper, 1. Moses Graham whipped Willie Bell, 6.

Heinz Neuhaus drew with Henry Cooper, 10. Bob Butcher kayoed George Kennedy, 3. Frankie Daniels defeated Monroe Ratliff, 10. Spanish champion Jose Gonzales stopped Massimo Zanaboni, 7.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World champion Archie Moore kayoed Julio Neves, 3 (non-title).

British Empire champion Yvon Durelle halted Clarence Hinnant, 7.

Uwe Janssen upset European champion Artenio Calzavara, 8. (non-title).

Chuck Speiser returned to action after a long layoff and defeated Bobby Lane, 10. Calvin Brad kayoed Santiago Gutierrez, 3. Billy Hester outscored Don Grant, 10.

Jesse Bowdry halted Clarence Floyd, 4, and Norman Bolden, 3. Kid Sixto Rodriguez outscored Tommy Villa, 10. Jimmy Robinson halted Clint Bacon 7. Lon Bailey outscored Jim Hegerle, 10.

Nelson Poccione kayoed Oscar Montes, 4. Gregorio Duchman beat Jose Manzur, 10. Gordon Farnsworth kayoed Pless Holmes, 6. Teddy Martin kayoed Joe Neal, 1.

Charley Pavlis stopped Jimmy Riley, 2. Carleton Lincoln defeated Roger Wiley, 6. Milton Epps beat Ray Drayton, 6.

British Champion Randy Turpin outscrambled Wim Snoek, 10. Eddie Wright decisioned Arthur Howard, 8. Ron Redrup halted Johnny Cole, 5, and drew with Albert Finch, 8. Erich Shoppner stopped Ivano Fontana, 4. Uwe Janssen polished off Hans Ducree, 3. Roque Maravilla and Bill Lanza drew, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Holly Mims held Bobby Boyd to a surprise draw, 10.

Jimmy Martinez drew with Germinal Ballarin, 10.

Willie Vaughn outscored Jimmy Beecham, 10.

Andres Selpa kayoed Ramon Esquivel, 1. Mickey Crawford outscored Tex Gonzales, 10.

Wilfie Greaves defeated Jimmy Peters, 10. Chico Vejar beat Jackson Brown, 10. Clive Stewart halted Clarence Cook, 4.

Charlie Cotton kayoed Willie Russell, 4. Antonio Cuevas kayoed Pablo Alcaraz, 4. Jorge Castro defeated Pinkey Peralta, 10. Paul Diaz stopped Tommy Simonetti, 8.

Dick Hall defeated George Mercer, 8. Victor Torres won from Gabriel Diaz, 10, Diaz also lost to Salvador Garcia, 10. Rudy Ellis kayoed Joe Schmolze, 3. Gomeo Brennan defeated Willie (Kid) Johnson, 8. Victor Zalazar kayoed Julio Camino, 2.

Joe DeNucci won on a disqualification over Johnny Candino, 2, and kayoed Charlie Washington, 4, Rudolph Bent won from Otis Woodward, 8, and Al Jones, 6. Babe McCarron stopped Butsy Gallant, 10.

Jimmy Morris kayoed Benjamin Lewis, 5. Chuck Lincoln kayoed Dick Hall, 3. Billy Priest halted Henry Lewis, 3. Chuck Lincoln drew with Lou Joseph, 8.

Rocky Fumerelle defeated Johnny Milton, 6. Bernie Ford won from Bill Roberts, 6. Danny Perez and Pete Gonzales drew, 6. Dale Manz beat Paul Perkins, 6.

Cleo Frazier kayoed Al Jackson, 2. Joe Salvato stopped Dick D'Orsi, 5. Al Avant bested Wes Lowery, 6. Juan Pomare edged out Richie Hill, 6. Joe Neal won over Dave McDowell, 6.

Gene Armstrong decisioned Charley Joseph, 10. Joey Giardello edged out Franz Szuzina, 10. Freddie Cross halted Terry Downes, 6. Evie Vorster stopped Eddie Williams, 3. Erich Walter drew with Ben Fahrat, 8.

Belgian Champion Kid Dussart decisioned Jo Janssens, 10 (non-title). George Aldridge outpointed Les Allen, 12. Hanswerner Wohlers stopped Constant Alcantara, 7.

Welsh Champion Phil Edwards halted Lew Lazar, 5. European Champion Charley Humez defeated Italo Scortichini, 10. (non-title).

WELTERWEIGHTS

British Champion Peter Waterman won the European title by stopping Emilio Marconi, 14.

Gaspar Ortega lost to lightweight Ralph Dupas, 10. Martiniano Pereyra kayoed Jose Valdez, 2.

Art Aragon kayoed Walter Tyler, 5. Ted Wright outpointed Sauvier Chiocca, 10.

Del Flanagan outboxed Chebo Hernandez, 10. Chilango Rosales upset Juan Padilla, 10. Mel Barker stopped Johnny Guebara, 8.

Barry Allison defeated Teddy Davis, 10. Stan Harrington defeated Dean Crisp, 10. Brazilian champion Paulo DeJesus won on a disqualification over Woody Winslow, 4. Jorge Fernandez kayoed Oscar Paez, 4.

Billy Lynch kayoed Paolo Melis, 2, and beat Andrew Brown, 10. Jimmy Archer outslugged Danny Russo, 10. Apolinar Huerta beat Manny Lopez, 10. Stefan Redl kayoed Willie Moore, 4.

Rudy Sawyer outscored Calvin Davis, 10, and kayoed Lee Williams, 2. Jay Fullmer decisioned Glen Burgess, 10. Timmie Jefferson kayoed Paul Aburo, 5. Denny Moyer defeated Buddy McDonald, 10, and Jim McCoy, 8.

Tony DeCola lost to lightweight Frankie Ryff, 10. Tony Dupas

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VIRGIL AKINS

WINNER of Golden Gloves lightweight championship in 1946 and 1947 and then turned pro following year. He started out as a simon pure at 15 and had 72 wins and 7 loses as an amateur.

In early years Akins suffered from soft eyes" . . . had trouble with cuts but in recent years has not been a bleeder. His loss to Johnny Saxton in 1952, despite Johnny's being on floor during bout, started a four fight losing streak that caused many boxing men to label his as "through".

1954 was the turning point in Akin's career and since then he has been destroying all foes in his way with few exceptions.

One such exception was his return contest with Isaac Logart on Dec. 2, 1955. After winning in their first meeting Akins lost the return and was again on the verge of becoming the forgotten man.

Instead of being relegated to obscurity Akins forced himself into the welterweight picture by going on a knockout binge including a decision over Hector Constance, then a contender. From then on he has been rolling constantly right up and through two fights with the ex champ Tony DeMarco.

He comes from St. Louis, Missouri, and is managed by Bernie Glickman. In his early career he was called "Honey Bear," a sobriquet dropped by the wayside.

Akins is noted as a puncher who can sock with either hand although his port side wallop is his most dangerous. He is not one for fancy boxing and has those "off" nights when he doesn't show to his best advantage. When the chips are down, however, he can be depended upon to give a good performance.

Virgil has a wife and two children, Barbara 9 and Spike 7. He is a lay preacher in a Baptist church in St. Louis, and a student of the Bible.

Born in poverty he was forced to help provide for his family of three sisters and a brother at the age of nine. He chopped railroad ties and sold the wood as well as other odd jobs to help keep the family solvent. Akins was born on March 10, 1928.

FELIPO ISAAC LOGART Y ARREDONDO

WHILE fighting under the management of Eddie Mafuz, a restaurant proprietor, Logart is sure to eat whether he wins the welter title or not. A hungry fighter in the U. S. since 1954 the ring and Mafuz have been good to him.

A product of Kid Gavilan's home town Camaguey, located in Cuba, Isaac has been a pro since 1949. A favorite on television he has been seen in eighteen bouts.

As an amateur in Cuba he won 5 out of 6 contests. He was born on April 11, 1933 and at 14 years of age began boxing while earning a living as a newspaper boy. He later became a tractor mechanic on sugar plantations.

He was first tabbed as a comer by Kid Chocolate, who liked Logart's fast, shifty boxing, speedy feet and remarkable, stinging left hook.

He is trained by Mindito Medina, who also occupied the same position in Kid Gavilan's camp. Medina has time and again gone on record as Logart being a better fighter than Gavilan was in his prime.

The latest Pearl of the Antilles received but $1.50 for his first professional fight eight years ago, a good deal less than he now commands.

He hasn't had a fight this year but compiled an impressive skein of wins in 1957 that led to his becoming a leading contender for welterweight honors.

Issac won a ten rounder over Yama Bahama, went on to do the same over Gil Turner, who outweighed him by a healthy margin, and then had his only bad luck of 1957. He lost a twelve rounder to Gaspar Ortega which he reversed in his last outing of the year. In between, he continued his winning ways by decisions over Walter Byars and Joe Miceli.

He is the only boxer among fourteen children, eleven boys and three girls, of which he is the youngest. He is rapidly learning English, likes to dance and read history.

He hopes to emulate the success of his idol Kid Gavilan by winning the welter title.

VINCE MARTINEZ

BORN at Mt. Kisco, N. Y. on May 5, 1929, Martinez is a sharp shooting boxer with a devastating left hook and one of the best counter fighters in the ring. He is fleet of foot, a cautious boxer, but he will go all out to finish an opponent who has been hurt.

Fighting out of Paterson, New Jersey where he is an idol. Martinez was elected by The Ring Magazine as The Rookie of The Year in 1952.

He was taught boxing initially by his father and after turning pro came under the agis of Bill Daly who is now his manager.

Vince is a graduate of the Central High School in Paterson, New Jersey where he grew up, his family having moved from Mt. Kisco four years after he was born. After school he went to work as a draftsman until he was granted a leave of absence for his fighting career. Despite his Spanish name, Vince is Italian and is proud of his ancestry.

As an amateur, Martinez went to the finals of the Paterson Diamond Gloves in 1947 and the following year crashed into the winners circle in both the Paterson and Passaic Diamond Glove tourneys.

He turned to the pay for sock ranks in 1949. Vince is considered one of boxing's most photogenic fighters and has received Hollywood offers.

His father has been a dyehouse foreman and has helped in Vince's management. Martinez is one of four brothers, Phil, Anthony and John. He is considered the idol of the bobby sox fight fans who cram before their TV sets. He has been seen on television 16 times.

He is a fall back to the old days in that he has a large local following who travel anywhere to see him perform. In their eyes he is the next welterweight champion.

Vince is of the school that believes it is better to take less punishment and live to fight another day. In the past, this has on occasion, caused loss of interest on his behalf but with a championship at stake there is no doubt that with his ability he will be in their giving his all for the fame

← WELTER TITLE CONTESTANTS

By NAT LOUBET

ISAAC LOGART

TALE OF THE TAPE

24	Age	26″	Waist
5′8″	Height	23″	Thigh
147	Weight	16″	Calf
70″	Reach	14½″	Biceps
37″	Chest (normal)	11″	Forearm
40″	Chest (expanded	6½″	Wrist
		11″	Fist

1957 FIGHTS

Yama Bahama, New York	W	10
Gil Turner, New York	W	10
Gaspar Ortega, Syracuse	L	12
Walter Byars, Detroit	W	10
Joe Miceli, Detroit	W	10
Gaspar Ortega, Cleveland	W	12

VINCE MARTINEZ

TALE OF THE TAPE

28	Age	31″	Waist
5′9″	Height	21″	Thigh
147**	Weight	14″	Calf
69½″	Reach	14½″	Biceps
35¾″	Chest (normal)	11½″	Forearm
39″	Chest (expanded)	7¾″	Wrist
		11½″	Fist

1957-58 FIGHTS

Pedro Antonio Jimenez, Toronto	KO	6
Kid Gavilan, Newark	W	10
Ralph Dupas, New Orleans	L	10
Kid Gavilan, Jersey City	W	10
Larry Baker, Chicago	KO	9
Ramon Tiscareno, Hollywood	KO	6
Gil Turner, Philadelphia	W	12

VIRGIL AKINS

TALE OF THE TAPE

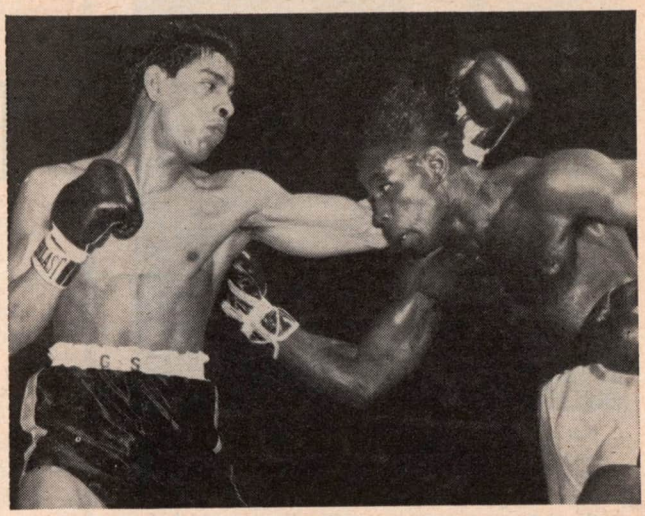
29	Age	26″	Waist
5′9″	Height	22½″	Thigh
147	Weight	15½″	Calf
68″	Reach	14″	Biceps
36″	Chest (normal)	11½″	Forearm
38″	Chest (expanded	6½″	Wrist
		11½″	Fist

1957-58 FIGHTS

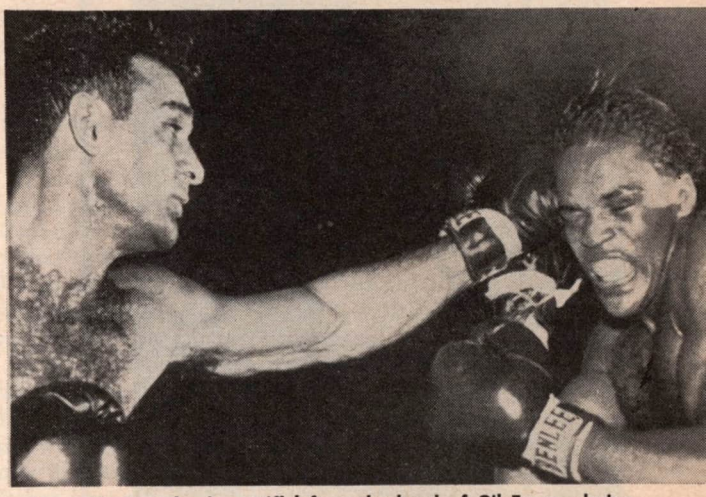
Sammy Walker, Buffalo	W	10
Al Andrews, St. Louis	KO	6
Franz Szuzina, St. Louis	W	10
Jimmy Beecham, Washington	KO	3
Walters Byars, Norfolk	W	10
Franz Szuzina, St. Louis	L	10
Sugar Hart, Cleveland	KO	8
Gil Turner, Atlantic City	L	10
Tony DeMarco, Boston	KO	14
Tony DeMarco, Boston	KO	12

RECAP OF RECORDS

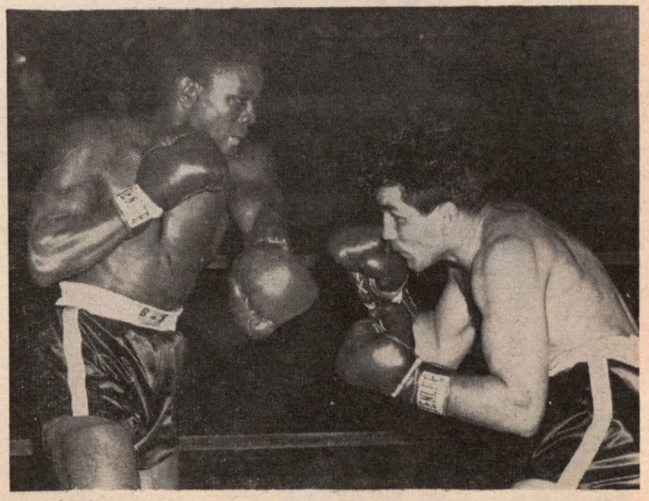
	TOTAL	WIN	LOST	DRAW	KO	KOBY
VIRGIL AKINS	64	46	17	1	26	2
VINCE MARTINEZ	64	59	5	0	30	0
ISAAC LOGART	63	52	6	5	18	1



Isaac Logart gained the semi-final round of the welter tourney by taking a 12 round decision over his arch rival Gaspar Ortega in Cleveland. The win evened their series at two each. Above photo shows Logart stepping inside Ortega's left to land a right to the body.

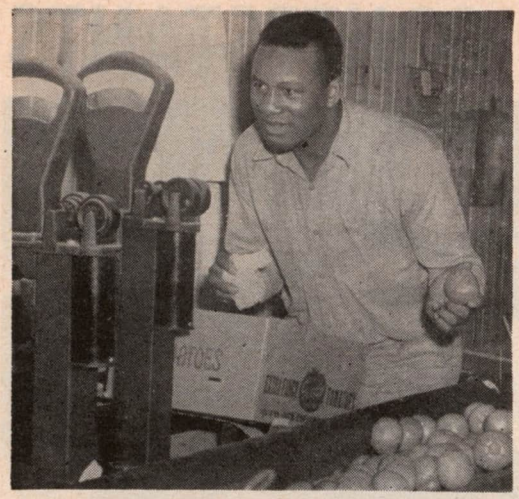


Vince Martinez lands a stiff left to the head of Gil Turner during their 12 rounder at Philadelphia. Martinez with a strong closing rally won the decision on a split verdict. It was a big win for the clever Paterson, N. J., boxer and he gained the chance that put him in the finals at the recent draw.



Virgil Akins, St. Louis veteran, moves in on former champion Tony DeMarco in the 12th and final round of their scheduled 15 rounder at Boston. Akins gave DeMarco a sound drubbing in halting him for the second straight time. Akins advanced to the semi-finals on these two impressive knockouts.

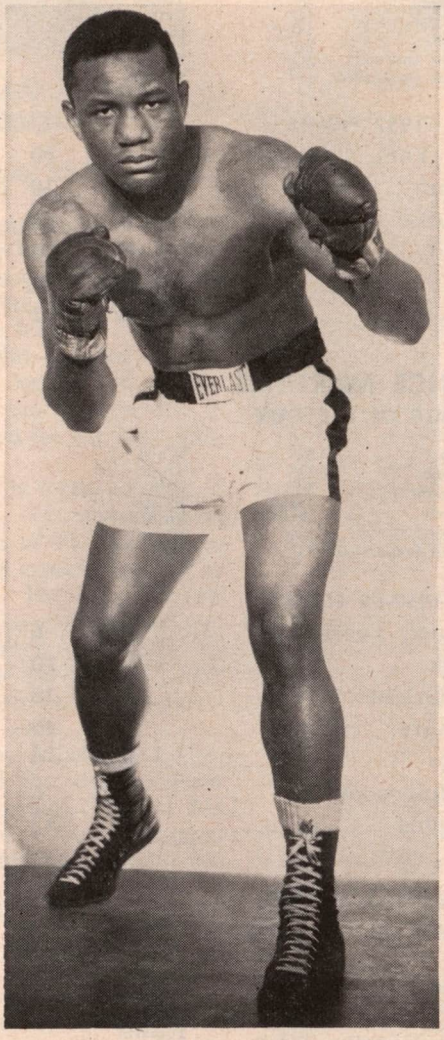
WAYNE BETHEA



Not a softy! Bethea at his job of packing and shipping tomatoes at the Bronx Terminal Market, New York City. He refuses to stop working even though he is headed toward big things in the ring.

Wayne received his favorite something to eat . . . food. Serving up the vitamins is his sister Tearetha.

Bethea discusses future strategy with the co-manager Tony Vone after defeating young Jack Johnson. Vone handles the business end while his other manager, Larry Closson acts as Wayne's trainer.



Wayne Bethea, the heavyweight fighter, is as serious inside the ring as he is jovial in his street clothes. He is ranked number seven by "The Ring" among the heavyweight contenders.

By FRED EISENSTADT

PHOTOS BY SALAS

IT is the contention of sock savants that ringmen—in order to qualify as future champions—must be lithe and graceful, quick of fist, nimble of foot and possessed of exceptional fistic skill. Thus, according to sages of sock, since Wayne Bethea is lacking in ring finesse, there practically is no chance of his ever having the distinction of becoming a title holder. And yet the almost impossible sometimes happens; and those believing in near miracles can logically point out that a fair number of ring incompetents have somehow managed to become champ.

The ungainly giant Jess Willard—lumbering and unskilled in fisticuffs—managed to garner the heavyweight championship of the world. Another fumbling behemoth to capture that title was a circus strong man—Primo Carnera. Other fistic misfits have plodded along, undiscouraged, and wound up with titular honors.

When asked, at Bobby Gleason's gym where he was working out, if his heart was set on becoming champion of his division, Wayne

Bethea flanked by Earl Bell, his brother-in-law, and his sister Tearetha with whom he lives in New York City.

Bethea smiled good-naturedly—displaying strong white teeth, 32 of them and all his own—and shrugged. *"Well —no. Not particularly. Oh, I ain't denyin' that to win the heavyweight title is my aim—that's only natural. But what I'm in the ring for is to earn money by putting up good fights, the kind that fans pay cash to watch."*

When Bethea, at the age of 18, arrived in New York from Dillon, Sonth Carolina, where he was born on March 27, 1932, someone suggested to him—because he was big and strong—that he become a fighter. *"I'll introduce you to Larry Closson,"* the fellow said. *"Larry's been connected with boxing for many years and knows the game."*

Closson, puffing on a strong cigar, took up the tale.

"Now this is something," he said. *"After less than a month in the gym, Wayne—who never before had donned a boxing glove—asked me to let him fight. Patiently I explained that he was by no means ready, that he had to learn a lot about boxing. But he insisted. So I put him in. And what do you think? He scored a quick knockout. I put him in again. He flattened his opponent. Then stiffened another."*

Out of 14 amateur contests, Bethea lost only to Julius Griffin.

Wayne turned pro on Aug. 12, 1954. After he'd had three fights Tony Vone, former amateur and professional boxer who has been managing fighters for twenty years, bought half of the youngster's contract and took over the management. Closson, Bethea and Vone get along well.

"In his seventh fight, after 7 months in the money ranks," informed Tony, lighting a cigaret, *"Wayne boxed Joe Rowan in a main event at the Eastern Parkway Arena, losing on a split duke. What earned Bethea star bout status was his surprise kayo of Harold Carter, a really fine boxer."* Vone took a drag at his cigaret and exhaled smoke. *"When I chose Carter as an opponent for Wayne, fight managers Vic Marsillo and Al Joyner, present at the time, gave me a big ha-ha, called me a sucker, said Harold would kill Bethea. After the match was signed, Carter was made 20-to-1 favorite. That didn't faze me. Well, Wayne gave Carter a good going-over, dropped him twice, beat him so bad that Carter failed to answer the bell for the seventh heat. So it was Larry and I who enjoyed the last laugh."*

In 1955 Bethea, who is six-feet tall and weighs 200 pounds, lost 3 decisions, boxed a draw and won two fights. First he beat Julio Mederos, rugged Cuban who scored knockouts over Roland LaStarza and Harold Johnson. Then he halted Carter. *"Though Carter managed to reverse his defeat by Bethea,"* Closson put in, *"he still refuses to step into a ring with him again."*

The following year Wayne trounced a pug named Mickey Carter, then beat Ernie Cabb, shellacked former heavyweight king Ezzard Charles and "cutie" Jimmy Slade—who twice outpointed Hurricane Jackson; and stopped Joe Bygraves, heavyweight champion of Great Britain. Beat Monte Turner, but lost to Zora Folley.

"It may not be very apparent," Tony Vone pointed out, *"but Bethea is improving with every fight. His defense, for one thing—"*

"Excuse me," cut in Closson. *"I want to relate what Ezzard Charles told me in the St. Nick dressing room after Wayne beat him. First, Ez refused to believe that Bethea, at that time, had only 15 pro contests. Then he said that Wayne was stronger than Rocky Marciano; that Wayne hurt him with body punches; that with boxing experience Wayne would reach the top of his division."*

As for Bethea's battle with Bygraves, the Bronx resident did a good plastering job on the boxer from Blighty. The Britisher started off well, stepping around his foe, stabbing him with straight jabs, blocking, countering—making Wayne miss all over the St. Nicholas ring. But undiscouraged, Bethea kept moving toward his speedy rival—digging power-

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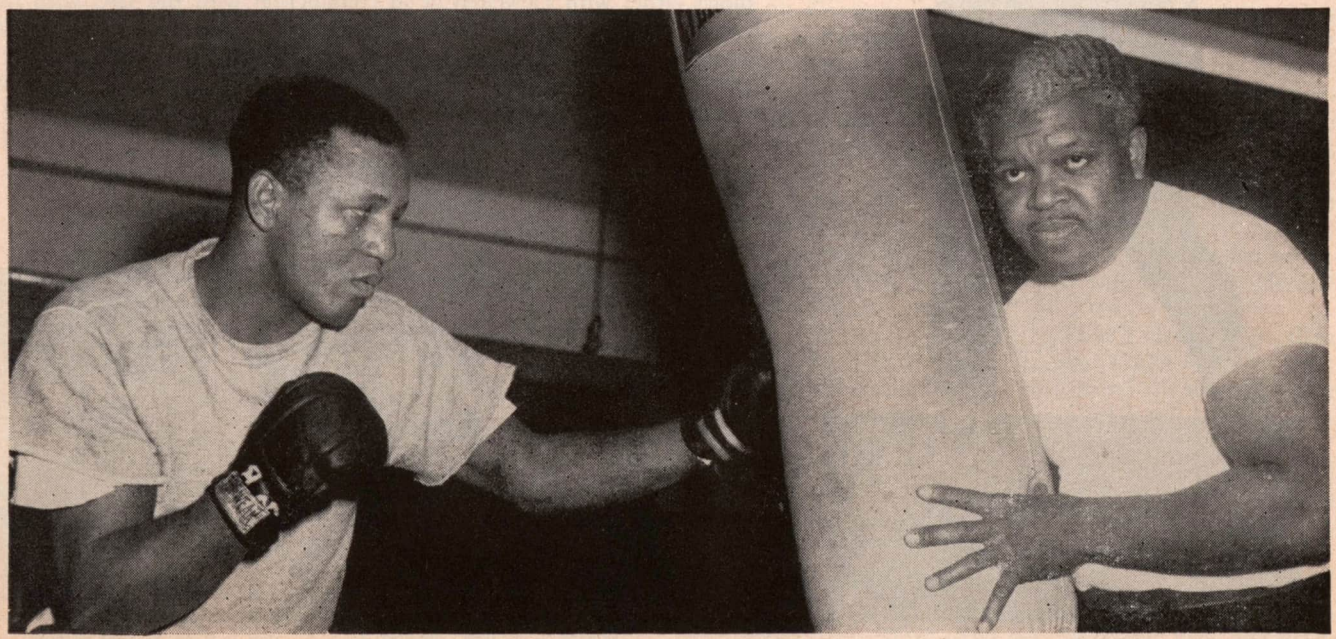
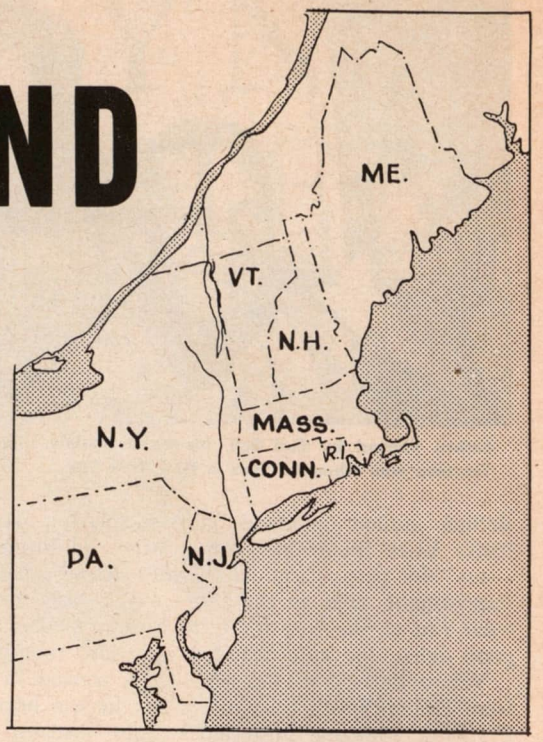


Bethea seen here developing his punching power on the heavy bag as his co-manager and trainer Larry Closson instructs.

NEW ENGLAND TOP FISTIC INCUBATOR

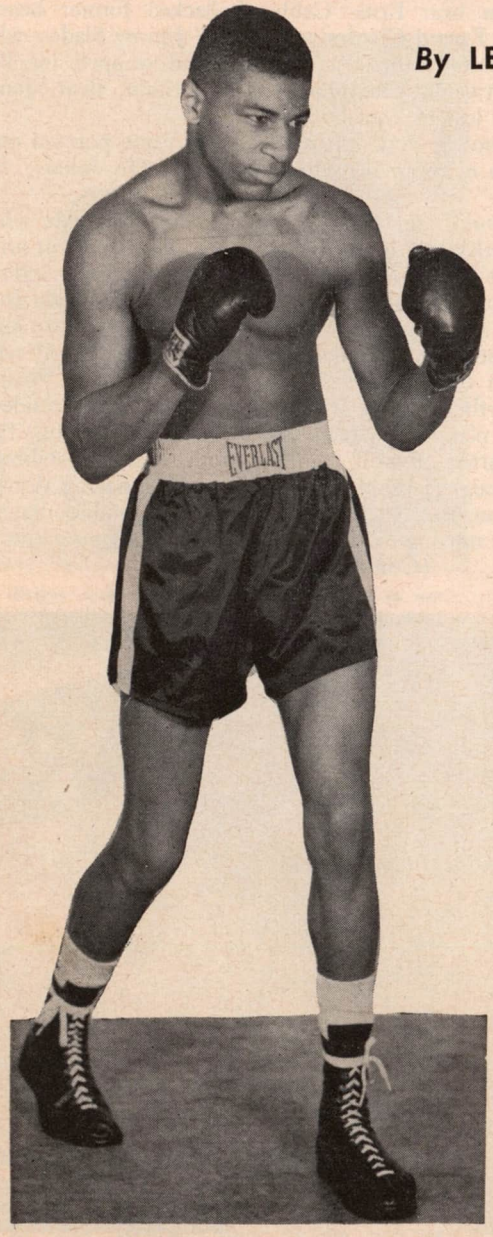


By LEW ESKIN

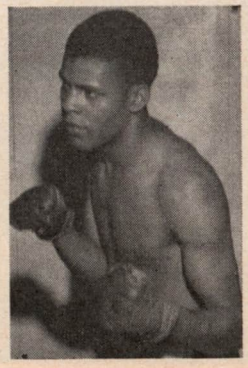
ALONG with Texas and California, New England states are the busiest in the fistic market. While the gates have been far short of those in Texas and on the West Coast except for the four bouts in Boston that featured Tony DeMarco, that grossed over $200,000, most of the clubs operating in New England are on a small scale. They can barely make ends meet, but they keep going, hoping for better days and by so doing, are turning out a fine group of young fighters who are on a par with any other developed in our country.

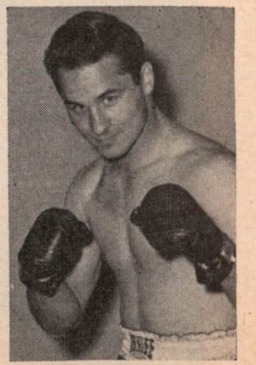
Sam Silverman, one of the few top independent promoters still active, has during the past year staged a number of shows in the towns around Boston, in Holyoke, Revere, Lowell, Fall River, New Bedford, Chicopee and in Bangor and Portland, Maine.

Manny Almeida has been promoting in Providence and Gus Brown in Hartford. Johnny Buckley, operating in Boston, has staged only big shows either with DeMarco or in conjunction with the IBC with television. There have also been some shows staged in West Hartford, New Haven, Bristol, Waterbury, Stamford and Bridgeport, Conn., and in Waterford, Rumson and Fairfield and Presque Isle, Maine. Few sections of the country can equal that.



Billy Lynch, Hartford, 147 pound pride who defeated Charlie Cotton recently.





Above—left to right: three top New Engand welters, Jackson Brown of Boston, Bob Murphy of Brighton and Steve Ward of Hartford.

Kayo Klouter Billy Ryan of Lowell, who has scored ten one-round kayos, gets some points from three former heavyweight kings, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ezzard Charles and Rocky Marciano.

DeMarco is the top drawing card and the top fistic light in New England. Other top rate New Englanders are featherweights Harold Gomes of Providence and Tommy Tibbs of Boston; welterweights Willie Stevenson of Boston, Billy Lynch of Hartford, Teddy Davis of Hartford and Walter Byars of Roxbury.

Other top cards are welterweight Larry Boardman of Marlboro, Conn., heavyweight Jeff Dyer of Springfield, and lightheavies Eddie Demars of Springfield and Jerry Luedee of New Haven.

There are many fine prospects among the smaller fry. Lightheavy Billy Ryan of Lowell; middleweights Sammy Walker of Springfield, Dick Hall of Dorchester, Dick D'Orsi of Providence, Billy Priest of Boston and Eddie Andrews of Lowell; welterweights Bob Murphy of Brighton, Barry Allison of Westover, Steve Ward of Hartford, Tony Veranis of Boston, Graham Holmes of Manchester, Conn.; lightweight Ray Lancaster, formerly of Spartanburg, S. C., now making his home in Boston; featherweights Jimmy Kelly of Lowell, Pat McCarthy of Boston, Bobby Soares of Providence, Joe Devlin of Boston and Jimmy Connors of New Bedford. They are all top flight youngsters.

MANY FINE YOUNG PROS IN NEW ENGLAND GROUP

Among the up and coming boxers who are rapidly moving toward the top are heavyweight Lee Williams of Boston; Larry Zernitz of New Haven; lightheavy Cardel Fames of Boston; Bobby King of Boston; middleweights Bob Berdahl of Brighton, Jackson Brown of Boston, Joe DeNucci of Boston; welterweights John Butler of Malden, Bobbie Barrett of Boston, Guy Loconte of Boston, Paul Leri of Pawtucket, R. I., Marty Byrne of Hartford and Paul Lee of New Haven; lightweights Rico Sacramone of Everett; Georgie Walker of Providence; featherweight Paddy Read of Providence, and bantamweight Kid Chick of Southwick. From among these, the promoters are finding no trouble in pairings for attractive cards.

In this group, are some boys with outstanding records. Tony Veranis, young welter from Dorchester for example. Tony, who started his career in January, has rolled up twenty-six wins and 2 draws in this short span. He has scored eleven kayoes. Tony already lists such top names as Eddie Prince, Keith Paris, Joey Klein and Bob Murphy.

Billy Ryan, power punching protege of Rocky Marciano, has a 14-1 mark. The ex-Marine from Lowell has scored 12 kayos, ten coming in the first round. His lone loss came at the hands of the veteran Joe Rocky Tomasello who stopped him in ten rounds when Billy, going past six rounds for the first time, ran out of gas after piling up a wide lead.

Jimmy Connors, young Irish featherweight from New Bedford, had gone undefeated in fifteen bouts before losing to Willie Pep. He has 15 wins and a draw and has rung up 8 kayoes, 6 in the first round. His triumphs include those over Merrill Olmstead, Johnny Johnikin, Cleo Ortiz and former American bantamweight king, Henry (Pappy) Gault. Jimmy Kelly, a star amateur featherweight from Lowell, who despite his name is a Greek youngster, is also unbeaten in 14 starts. He has seven kayoes to his credit.

Pat McCarthy, Jr. of Boston, son of the former top heavyweight, has posted a 18-1-1 record with 8 kayos. He lost his last to Jimmy Connors.

Eddie Andrews, of the fighting Lowell clan, is a hustling middleweight with a fine 26-7-2 log. Eddie has met some of the top names and holds wins over Joey Klein, Sammy Walker, Jimmy Beau, Karl-Heinz Guder and Charlie Goulart.

Dick Hall, young middleweight who has moved to Boston from Buffalo, also comes from a fighting family. Dick, who was a Golden Glove champion two years in a row, has notched a 12-0-1 mark with 2 kayos.

Dick, who looms as a top prospect, has won from Mel Collins, Gary Simon, Sammy Walker, Jimmy Williams, and Cobey McCluskey, who had previously held him even.

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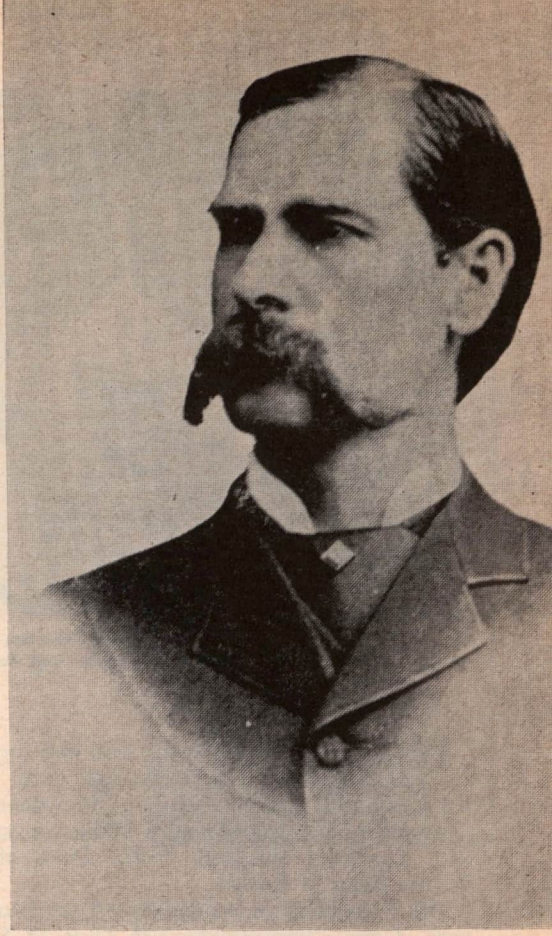
Tommy Tibbs, globe trotting N.E. lightweight king from Boston who at 23 is a veteran of ninety fights.

Ray Lancaster, junior welterweight now making his home in Boston. Ray is a former all-Navy champion.

WYATT EARP— Referee

Noted Gun-Slinger and Ex-Marshal Stirred Up Violent Storm by Decision in Important Fitzsimmons-Sharkey Bout.

By JERSEY JONES



Wyatt Earp, as he looked when San Francisco promoters asked him to referee Fitzsimmons-Sharkey bout in 1896. Despite his exciting, dangerous career, Earp lived to a ripe old age of 80.

(With "Westerns" enjoying tremendous popularity as TV features these days, The Ring feels that a true-life episode from the exciting career of Wyatt Earp would be of timely interest to its readers, since the episode concerns an historic prizefight refereed by this noted figure of the Pioneer West.)

THE heavyweight match between World Champion Jim Corbett's two leading challengers—crafty, hard-hitting Bob Fitzsimmons and powerful young ex-sailor Tom Sharley—had become a big betting proposition in San Francisco's sporting circles. The bout was set for December 2, 1896, in Mechanics Building, and it was no surprise when a capacity crowd of 15,000 jammed the arena, leaving an estimated 5,000 disgruntled others milling around on the outside, unable to gain admittance.

For so important a match it was assumed that one of the established referees—Eddie Graney, "Honest John" Kelly or Alex Greggains—would officiate. It was a stunning shock to the assembled horde when a strange six-footer, with a luxuriant walrus mustache so popular in that era, clambered up the steps and through the ring ropes to be introduced as the referee.

Was this sort of a joke? Wyatt Earp may have earned something of a reputation as a gun-slinger and lawman out in the open spaces of the Middle and South West (he had been U. S. Marshal in two of the wildest of the Wild West communities, the boisterous cattle town of Dodge City, Kansas, and the roaring mining center of Tombstone, Arizona), but what did he know about refereeing prizefights?

It so happened that Wyatt knew quite a bit about both prizefighting and refereeing. A handy guy with his own fists, he'd had his share of bare-knuckle brawling, and he'd also done some refereeing on occasion, once for the barnstorming professional, Mike Donovan, in a match with a local prairie-town champion.

EARP CHECKED HIS GUN.

How the promoters, J. J. Groom and John Gibbs of the National Athletic Club, thought of Earp as referee for Fitz and Sharkey is something we wouldn't know. It couldn't have been a publicity stunt, since the spectators and the press wouldn't be aware of the official's identity until ringtime. Probably the promoters felt that Earp's reputation would help to keep the crowd in check if anything went amiss during the fight.

Earp, now 48, happened to be in San Francisco at the time, racing a stable of horses at Ingleside. He was just leaving his hotel for the track when Groom and Gibbs arrived. They explained their mission.

"We've been having trouble getting the managers of Fitzsimmons and Sharkey to agree on the referee. You've been suggested. You're all right with the Sharkey crowd. Martin Julian, Fitz's manager and brother-in-law, has objected, but we may be able to talk him into accepting you if you're available."

"Well," said Earp, "if you can't find anybody else by ringtime, I'll be ready."

In leaving for the race track, Wyatt had stuck his old Buntline .45 Special in a holster on his right hip. Late street-cars from Ingleside had been providing lush pickins for holdup gangs, and Earp, who usually carried several thousand dollars in his pockets, had no intention of becoming another victim.

Wyatt planned to leave his six-shooter at the hotel when he returned to town, but he didn't have time. After a hasty dinner in a restaurant across the street from Mechanics Pavilion, he checked into the arena less than ten minutes before fight time. Fitz and Sharkey already were in the

ring when Earp crawled through the ropes.

Julian was still protesting Wyatt as referee, but Fitz himself overruled the manager. Ruby Robert was so confident of his ability to beat Sharkey that he didn't care who officiated.

Fitz, however, did make a fuss about Sharkey's bandages and insisted they be removed from Tom's hands. "I have no bandages on mine, and I don't want any on his," he argued. Fitz won the argument. Sharkey's bandages were taken off.

Earp, meanwhile, had been handed a certified check for the purse money, $10,000, to be given to the winner. Wyatt made a brief address to the crowd, assuring them he would do the best he could and judge the fight as he saw it.

Suddenly, he became conscious that he was still toting his gun, bulging under his coat. In later years he would grin as he recounted that embarrassing moment:

"I had completely forgotten the gun. There, on my right hip, it stuck out like a cannon. My face must have turned red as I unbuckled the old Buntline and handed it to Police Captain Whitman, sitting at the ringside."

A GRUELLING BRAWL.

Fitz's cornermen, along with Julian, were two of his sparmates, Jack Stenzler and Dan Hickey. Sharkey was seconded by Bob Allen, Danny Needham and Australian Billy Smith.

It became obvious early in the fight that Sharkey's one chance to win was in his strength and ruggedness. He didn't class with the Cornishman in skill and hitting power.

It looked as though Fitz was in for a quick victory in the first round when he twice dropped the burly ex-tar. The first time Sharkey, more surprised than hurt, bounced right up, but the bell came to his rescue when he went down the second time.

Surviving that opening stanza, Sharkey became a tough, durable problem for the next three sessions, with the rivals giving and taking heavy punishment. But the tide of battle began to swing definitely in Fitz's favor in the fifth.

Early in the round Sharkey rushed Fitz off his feet. Enraged, Bob got up fighting. A right uppercut and left hook made Sharkey clinch. Fighting himself free, Fitz crashed two rights to the jaw. Sharkey's knees sagged and he sank to the canvas. At the count of five Bob walked over and assisted Sharkey to his feet, snarling: "Get up and take your beating."

From then on the fight was all Fitz's. Through the sixth and seventh frames he dealt out vicious punishment to the ex-tar. Sharkey began to foul, and to many of the spectators it looked as though he were trying to lose that way.

Then came the eighth round. During a lively exchange, Fitz exploded a thunderous right against Sharkey's chin. Tom's legs buckled, his eyes glazed. Sensing the end, Fitz ripped in with both hands.

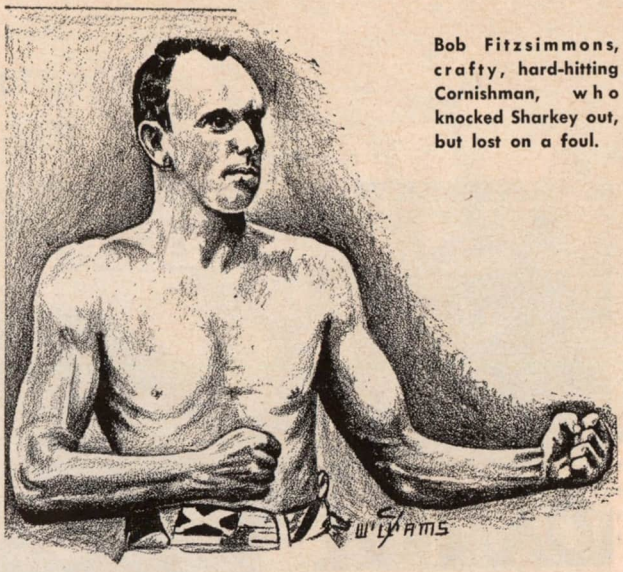
As Sharkey reeled, Bob stepped back, measured his victim, then fired two fast lefts, the first to the body, the second to the chin. Sharkey collapsed to the canvas and rolled over on his back.

Tom's seconds piled into the ring yelling "Foul! Foul!" Referee Earp completed the count, however, and Sharkey was picked up and carried back to his corner.

The walls of the Pavilion shivered and shook with the bedlam turned loose by the sensational ending of the fight. In the center of the ring, Referee Earp tried to make his voice heard above the din. Eventually his message reached the howling mob. Sharkey had won on a foul!

A near-riot developed. It required strong-arm methods by the hundred or more police scattered throughout the building to restore a semblance of order.

Probably the calmest person in the arena was Earp. He must have enjoyed the furore he had caused. Excitement and



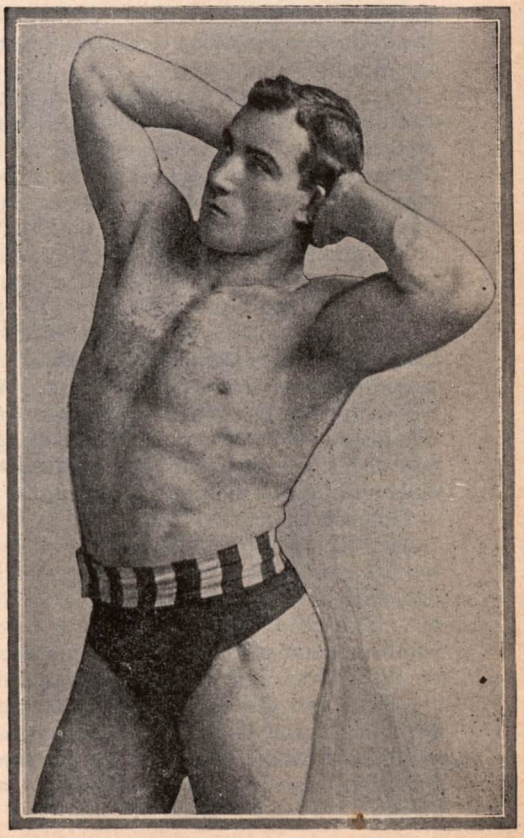
Bob Fitzsimmons, crafty, hard-hitting Cornishman, who knocked Sharkey out, but lost on a foul.

danger had long since become a normal part of a day's routine with him.

Later, explaining his verdict, Wyatt insisted he was right. "Both men repeatedly fouled and I warned them several times," he said. "There was no doubt that Fitzsimmons' final punch was fair—it was on the chin—but Sharkey was already falling from the body punch just before it, and that one unquestionably was low."

Earp's decision ended the promoting experience of the National Athletic Club and nearly killed boxing in San Francisco. The fighters' purse was held up and several court suits followed as injunction after injunction was tossed into the controversy. Finally the courts ruled in favor of Earp and Sharkey.

It is not known whether Earp ever refereed another prize-fight; certainly none prominent enough to be listed in any record book. That one bout, however, was enough to contribute another exciting chapter to the bizarre story of this fabulous character from out of the Old Wild West.



The powerful build of Tom Sharkey, the ex-sailor whose battle with Fitzsimmons developed into historic "rhubarb."

ACCEPTANCE OF WELTERWEIGHT DRAW GIVES BOXING AN UPLIFT; NEW YORK HAS STATUS OF SECOND RATE CITY

BOXING took a decided upward trend when the managers representing the three survivors in the World Championship Committee's elimination tournament to decide the successor to Carmen Basilio as welterweight king, bowed to the will of the committee and accepted the draw that brought Virgil Akins against Isaac Logart in the semi-final round and gave Vince Martinez of Paterson, New Jersey, a bye, thus bringing him in the final round against the Logart-Akins winner.

By accepting the draw, held in the offices of The Ring Magazine with the Ring Editor, Advisor to the World Committee, in charge, the managers, Eddie Mafuz, Bill Daly and Bernie Glickman, respective representatives of Logart, Martinez and Akins, saved boxing from having a dual championship. Such would have been the case had the N.B.A.'s ultimatum to each been carried out—to ignore the World Committee.

The draw was the fairest way of deciding the issue. The resolution made by Commissioner Klein of Pennsylvania at the NBA Directors' meeting that the winner of the Gil Turner-Martinez bout in Philadelphia be accepted as the semi-final and the winner face Logart for the world crown, was decidedly out of order. He and the NBA were blaming Henry Lamar, Chairman of the Massachusetts Commission for trying to palm off an Akins-De Marco fight as a title match, yet Commissioner Klein, apparently because Turner was a home-town boy as was De Marco in the Bay State fiasco, was doing exactly the same stunt. Klein's resolution, passed unanimously, would have placed Akins, twice knockout victor over De Marco as a contender, to box the NBA champion within ninety days. But he would have had to take the challenger's end of the purse whereas he was as much entitled to the same percentage as any of the others in the tournament.

The claim of the NBA is that Akins was not in the tournament. This is not so. Immediately after his knockout of De Marco the first time, when the announcement of an international tournament was made by Julius Helfand, President of the World Committee, Gilbert Jackson, President of the NBA stated, *"now that Akins has knocked out De Marco, his name must go alongside those of Martinez, Logart and Turner as the four who are the top men in the tournament to decide Basilio's successor. A draw is the fairest way to decide."* The World Committee thought likewise.

Despite efforts of Commissioner Klein to alter this plan, that is the way the championship will be decided. President Jackson said in part after the draw:

"I am satisfied although the draw seemed to put the elimination in reverse order to what the NBA thought proper. The NBA's interest is to clear up the muddled welterweight situation and the NBA will probably recognize the ultimate winner as the new world champion."

That is how it should be. Let's forget petty politics. The NBA's official representative of the World Championship Committee, Anthony Petronella of Rhode Island, from the very beginning has stood steadfastly by Helfand and his colleagues even to the final draw for which he gave assent. It seems to me that Commissioner Klein and his colleagues should stand behind the man selected by them as world representative of boxing instead of tossing the harpoon into Petronella for acting as he has been granted the right to, by his organization.

Let's all work harmoniously for the common good—the

Two happy champions. Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney holding placques awarded each by the Brith Sholem Fraternal organization at its national dinner in Philadelphia. The awards were mad for "Devoted Services to the Youth of America." The meeting of the famed ringmen was a reminder of the night of September 23, 1926, when Gene wrested the world heavyweight title from Jack in a driving rainstorm.

best interests of a sport that has been battered, besmirched, condemned by many who should aid in its uplift.

How can boxing gain the public's support—its good will—when the executive heads are constantly fighting among themselves for power and publicity?

Politics and boxing—bedfellows. One cannot make even those who are entrusted with the game, see the light. The sport deserves a better deal than it has been getting.

What's wrong with boxing? You've got the answer.

NEW YORK HAS ATTAINED MINOR LEAGUE STATUS

Any doubts remaining that New York, once the capital of the boxing world, has dropped back to a minor status in the national scene have been completely dispelled by recent developments throughout the country.

In recent weeks welterweights Vince Martinez and Gil Turner drew nearly $40,000 in Philadelphia, middleweights Spider Webb and Rory Calhoun attracted a gate of $50,000 in San Francisco, and the return welterweight meeting of Virgil Akins and Tony DeMarco played to an $80,815 crowd in Boston. Los Angeles drew $209,000 with a world bantamweight title match between Alphonse Halimi and Raul Raton Macias, and another championship bout coming up shortly between featherweights Hogan Bassey and Ricardo Moreno is expected to gross even more.

Any time heavyweight Pat McMurtry boxes in Tacoma or Seattle, the box-office figures run from $20,000 to

Frank Butler (left), one of Britain's leading sports writers, posing with Terry Spinks (center) and Hogan Bassey, world featherweight champion at Boxing Writers' dinner in London. Spinks is holding the Simpson trophy which the writers' awarded to him and Bassey, the scroll for winning the world crown.

$50,000. Roy Harris is almost as much an attraction in Houston. Welterweight Del Flanagan has drawn up to $46,000 in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Meanwhile, what of New York? Madison Square Garden, once the world's outstanding sports arena, has become a virtual "haunted house" on fight nights now. Television, of course, is mainly responsible for keeping the cash customers away, but the generally inferior calibre of matches also is playing its part. In an arena that seats 18,500, the average attendance at a Garden show these nights is about 2,000, representing about $4,000 in gross receipts. A main event performer gets a $4,000 guarantee, plus 25 of the net receipts. In brief, he can look for a $5,000 payday. No wonder he prefers going to Boston or San Francisco or Los Angeles or Seattle. Without TV competition he can pick up anywhere from $10,000 to $20,000 for the same bout.

At this writing, there isn't one attraction shaping up at the moment in New York that could be called Big Time, unless New York gets the final in the welter tournament. The No. 1 offering of the year, the Carmen Basilio-Ray Robinson encore for the middleweight title, is going to Chicago. Aside from a heavyweight championship bout involving Floyd Patterson with an outstanding challenger, there is no bout in view right now that would be worth major consideration in New York.

The draw for the world welterweight championship elimination semi-final and final rounds. Nat Fleischer, "Ring" Editor, handles the draw while Eddie Mafuz, manager of Isaac Logart, Bill Daly, manager of Vince Martinez, and Bernie Glickman, manager of Virgil Akins (left to right), look on. Martinez drew a bye.

Once mighty New York apparently has become merely a minor stop-over in the national boxing scene now. Promoters need no better proof than the huge receipts at recent non-televised shows to be convinced that TV has been the ruination of boxing in our country. It will be interesting to see what the public reaction will be to the return Basilio-Robinson bout in which for the first time in boxing there will be no home television. It will be wholly a theatre circuit affair.

"BOWLING TECHNIQUES," LATEST SPORTS BOOK

Sports writers are being kept busy this winter writing books. The latest addition is "Modern Bowling Techniques", a must for bowlers, written by Murray Goodman and Junie McMahon, published by the Ronald Press of New York. ($2.95) It is a volume which covers the field from A to Z for beginners as well as veteran pin enthusiasts. Goodman, long associated with New York newspapers and now public relations head of the International Boxing Club and his colleague, have done a splendid job. Anyone who knows anything about bowling knows the name of McMahon, one of the greatest keglers of the century.

In their book in which the technical knowledge has been supplied by McMahon, a member of the American Bowling Congress, he tells how to overcome faults, shows the technique to be used by beginners and with many photographs to round out the job, acts as a special professional instructor to both beginner and advanced bowler.

FABULOUS OFFERS FOR SERVICES OF FLYWEIGHT

During the past few weeks several offers have been made to Lazaro Koci, manager of world champion Pascual Perez of Argentina to defend his title for fabulous purses, but in vain.

A few weeks ago Mamerto Besa, wealthy shoe manufacturer of Manila, the only promoter in the Philippines of major importance since the death of Jes Cortes, sent a message to The Ring Editor, requesting that he contact Perez for a title defense in Manila on March 29. His fabulous offer of $30,000, tax free, three round trip tickets from Buenos Aires, three neutral officials and the guarantee to deposit it in my name in the National City Bank, was turned down. In addition, all expenses were to be paid and an automobile for the duration of the training was to be at the party's disposal. Besa suggested a Japanese referee, a Thailander judge and me as the third judge with the privilege of me naming the third official should I not be in a position to make the trip.

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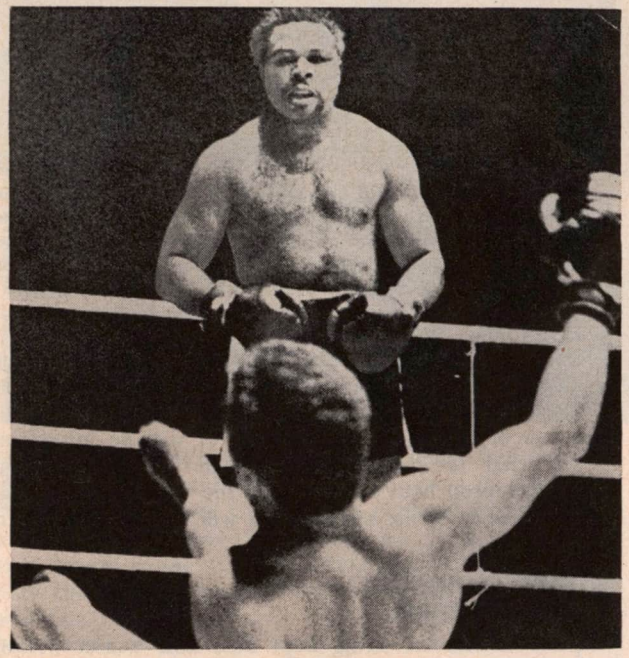
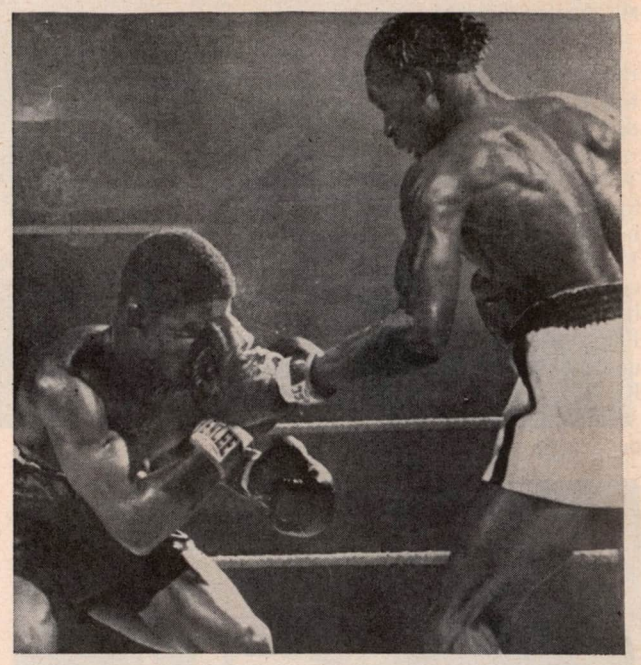
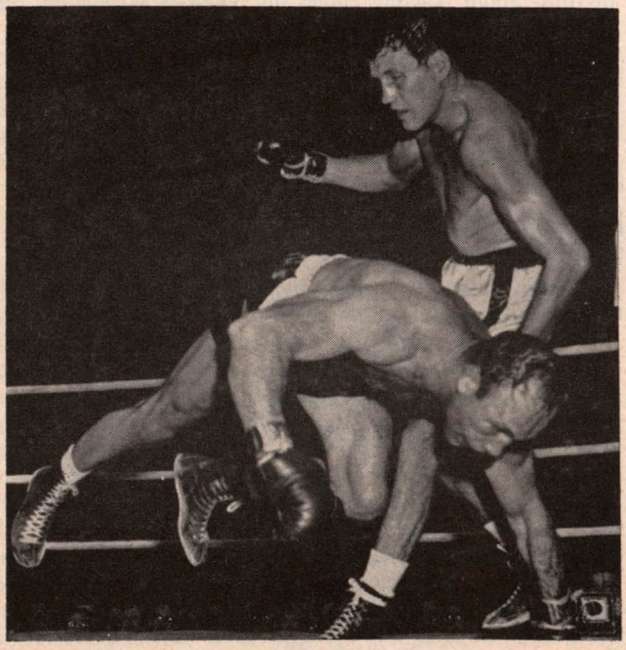
FIGHTS OF THE MONTH



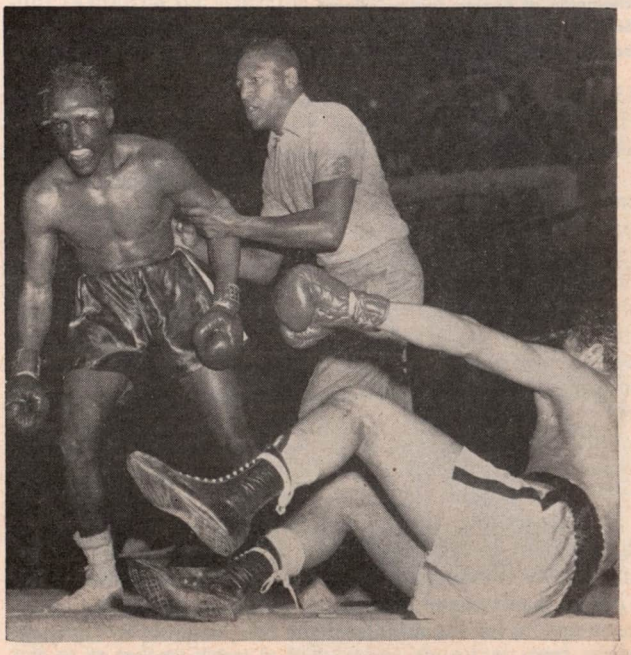
An Arch Foe. Archie Moore, world light heavyweight champion, does away with Portuguese Julio Neves, scoring a knockout in third round of bout at Rio de Janeiro, Argentina. Moore also defeated Luis Ignacio on this trip, both non-title affairs.



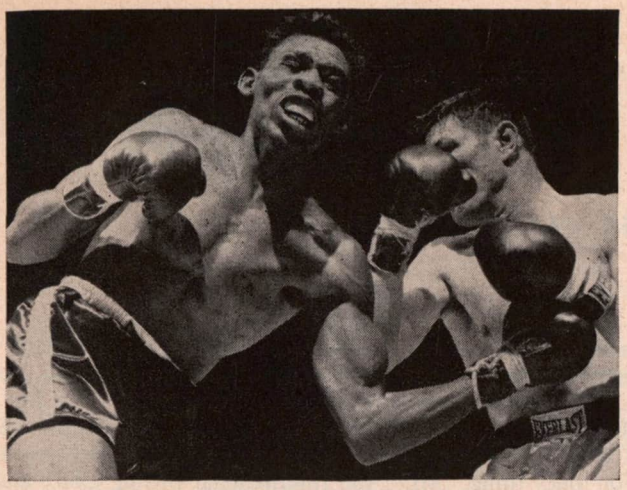
Face Full of Fist. Lightweight champion Joe Brown (right) pounds a left to the face of Ernie Williams during non-title bout at Capital Arena, Washington. Williams gave the champ a tough fight, but doctor stopped it in fifth, Williams bleeding profusely.



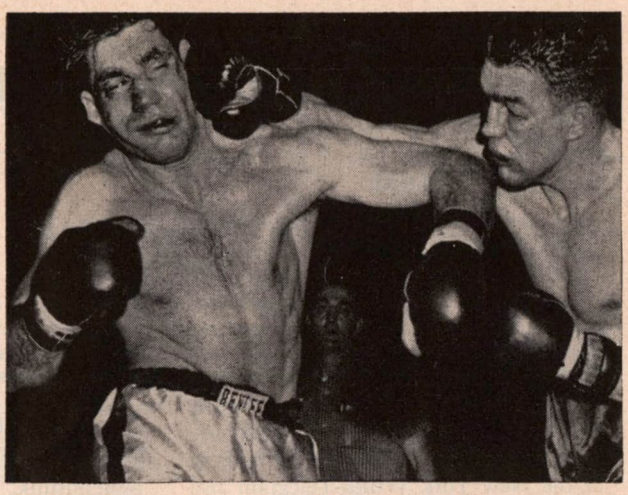
Chucking It All? Chuck Spieser, Detroit light heavyweight, slips during tenth round of bout with Bobby Layne at Detroit. Spieser, rusty after a ten-month layoff, nevertheless won a unanimous ten round decision in an aggressively-fought bout.



The Wild West. L. C. Morgan, of Youngstown, Ohio, has just dropped Alvaro Guiterrez for the third time in wild and woolly encounter at Olympic in Los Angeles which saw riot, referee attacked and Morgan collapse on stool, making Guiterrez winner in fifth round.

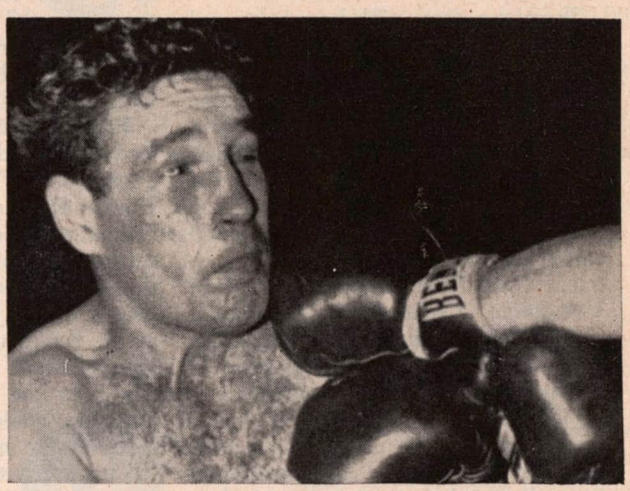


Clarence Clobbered. Clarence Hinnant (left), Washington, D. C. light heavyweight, winces from blow delivered by Canadian Yvon Durelle during bout at Madison Square Garden. Durelle pounded away and finally stopped his man in seventh round, referee halting the bout.



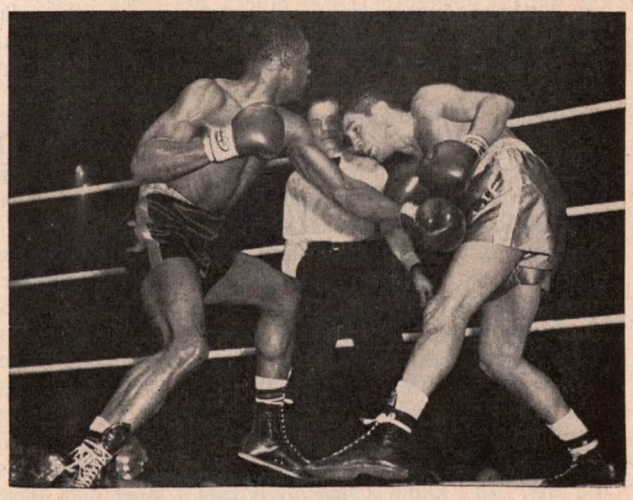
Willi The Winner. Willi Besmanoff (left), German heavyweight, on the receiving end of right thrown by Pat McMurtry during bout at Seattle, Wash., fought out of several tight spots to gain split ten round decision and hand McMurtry second defeat in upset.

Sticks and Stones. Jimmy Connors (right), New Bedford, Mass., featherweight, sticks a left to head of George Stone, Philadelphia, in first round of bout at Boston Garden. Connors, who did the stone throwing, stopped George in the second round.



Left Out. Joey Giardello, ranking middleweight, is left out of picture but gets his left in to the jaw of Franz Szuzina during bout at The Arena, Philadelphia. Giardello won unanimous ten round decision and now is unbeaten in fifteen straight.

Archer's Aim Is Good. Jimmy Archer (right) hammers hard right to jaw of Danny Russo during tough welterweight tussle at St. Nicholas Arena. Archer used two-fisted body-and-head attack to gain the ten round split decision over Russo.



Willie Toweel (right), British Empire lightweight champion and fourth ranked in world ratings, wards off a punch thrown by Orlando Zulueta of Cuba during ten round bout held at the Empress Hall, London, England. Toweel won the decision.

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

FEATURE

By BOB ALLEN

MUCH is being written these days about "small clubs" and their importance in the boxing scheme of things. We liked particularly a story written by Lester Bromberg in the New York World-Telegram and Sun in which he recalled many of the famous neighborhood boxing clubs of the years between the two World Wars and the men who helped make them famous—Ruby Goldstein, Lew Hurley, Carl Duane, Lew Farber, Al Davis, and many others.

Bromberg wrote with knowledge and authority. We wish we could say as much for another article on "small clubs" which appeared in the magazine section of the *New York Times* and written by Howard Tuckner. Consider, for example, the following, from the *Times*' story:

"In the Golden Era of boxing, when clubs like the Broadway Arena, Eintracht Oval, Park Arena, Coney Island Velodrome, Croke Park, Manhattan Casino, Boyle's Thirty Acres and others were packed with fight fans—most of whom wore checked caps and munched apples pared with rusty jackknives—boxers were able to make a buck with fair regularity. It was not uncommon for fighters, their managers and their backers to put up side bets, winner take all. It was also the custom to pass the hat among the spectators, with the spoils going either to the winner or being split 50-50."

The trouble here, of course, is that Mr. Tuckner confuses the Golden Age of Boxing with the Neolithic or New-Stone Age. And how did Boyle's Thirty Acres get into this picture of small clubs where fighters could make a buck with regularity?

Tuckner's piece was not really about the small clubs but rather about Jimmy Moulton, a lightweight boxer who quit the ring to become a cop and then quit the cops to become a boxer again. Says Tuckner: *"Ask Jimmy Moulton why he and most of his ringmates have such dismal boxing futures—futures that many Jacobs Beach addicts describe with one word, 'punchdrunk'—and he shrugs his broad shoulders, runs battered fingers through his curly red hair and says: 'All I know is that my boxing future depends on how often I can fight'."*

We agree fully with Mr. Moulton. We disagree thoroughly with Mr. Tuckner and we challenge him to produce the many "Jacobs Beach addicts" who would describe the future of Moulton and his ringmates with the one word "punchdrunk." For one thing, Mr. Moulton, as colorful as were the boxing characters who once had their "offices" on the curb along 49th Street between Broadway and Eighth Avenue, the Beach just ain't there no more. And when it was, the boxing men who frequented the Beach never used the word "punchdrunk" to describe the futures of their boxers. The only thing you have wrong, Mr. Tuckner, is your place, your time, and your phraseology.

In the March issue of "The Ring," Ted Carroll relates some amusing incidents in the career of "Broadway" Charley Rose, a lovable veteran of some fifty years in boxing. One of these concerned the time the old Putnam Building on Broadway and 50th Street in New York was torn down to be replaced by the Paramount Building. Fight managers—a score or more of whom had offices in the Putnam Building—were told they would not be allowed to rent space in the new structure.

This policy was in effect for a dozen years until the late Jimmy Johnston was ousted from Madison Square Garden, where he had been boxing promoter, by Mike Jacobs who moved in with his Twentieth Century Sporting Club. Johnston immediately rented an office in the new Paramount Building and just to show Jacobs how he felt about the new boxing setup, he had a sign painted on the door of his new office: THIRTIETH CENTURY SPORTING CLUB.

Alphonse Halimi, world bantamweight champion, has signed a contract with a circus in France. We understand he's to be billed as *"The World's Biggest Midget."*

A newspaper item carrying a Washington, D. C. dateline quotes a government report to the effect that aspirin prices are increasing. The head of the Labor Department's living cost division, H. E. Riley, can give no reason why this is so. We can: the people who earn their livelihoods in boxing are suffering more and more headaches.

In devising a plan by which Joe Louis can eventually square himself with Uncle Sam in the matter of back taxes, the revenue lads did a commendable job and we are happy for Joe's sake. For an unspecified number of years Joe will turn over to the tax collectors the $20,000 paycheck he receives each year from the International Boxing Club, and he will try to get by on the $4,800 he gets from the Joe Louis Milk Co., plus some other minor fees he picks up. In other words, Joe will live on skimmed milk while Uncle Sam gets the cream.

Give a cheer to one-time lightweight Johnny Bonito. Boxing veterans in the New York area will remember Johnny. He was a crack amateur featherweight and a fine lightweight professional prospect a quarter century ago, but he quit the ring in favor of a good job at Consolidated Edison.

A few years ago Johnny got to thinking about the problem of juvenile delinquincy, discussed the matter with a friend, John Farley, and the two men decided to do what they could about it. The result is a sports center for some 200 boys in the Bronx which operates under the banner of the Catholic Youth Organization. Johnny acts as adviser, coach, and sometimes even as sparring partner for the eager youngsters. And so we say: give a cheer to Johnny Bonito.

When Don Jordon, Los Angeles **lightweight, arrived in London** some weeks ago for his fight with Dave Charnley, he was quoted in one of the London papers as saying: *"I'm a hungry fighter because I was married at* 16 *and my wife Estella was* 15." This is what is known in fisticuffs as a non sequitur —or else Estella better learn how to cook.

A Brooklyn assemblyman has introduced at bill in Albany to revoke the license of any wrestler caught in a sham or collusive match. Someone should now introduce a bill calling for the impeachment of any legislator who knows so little about the facts of wrestling life.

We liked Rory Calhoun's quote after his kayo at the hands of Spider Webb in San Francisco. Said Rory: *"I thought I hurt him and I walked into a punch —I knew he was waiting for a mistake and I made it."* From Webb's viewpoint, Rory made the right mistake but, as Dan Parker might say, Rory made the *"wrong mistake."*

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THE FIVE ROUNDER

By BEN OLAN

So you think you're a boxing expert, huh? Then get ready to put on the gloves and start swinging.

"The Five Rounder" is designed to see how much you know about the fight game and, at the same time, enable you to engage in a simulated bout.

Each round in the quiz has three multiple choice questions. You win the round by answering at least two questions in each round correctly.

If you win three or more rounds, you win the fight.

Ready? Come out punching at the bell. The decision is on page 38.

ROUND ONE

1. Boxing has had its share of brother combinations. One among these pairs were not related. Was the unrelated duo:

a–Vince and Joe Dundee? b–Fritzie and Eddie Zivic? c–King and Battling Levinsky?

2. Lightweight titleholder Joe Brown knocked out three opponents in championship bouts in 1957. They were Bud Smith, Joey Lopes and:

a–Cisco Andrade? b–Orlando Zulueta? c–Paoli Rosi?

3. Only nine southpaw champions have been crowned in all of ring history. One among these was not included on this list. He was:

a–Lew Tendler? b–Melio Bettina? c–Lou Brouillard?

ROUND THREE

1. The largest boxing gate on record resulted from the second Dempsey-Tunney fight in Chicago, Sept. 22, 1927. Was the gate closer to:

a–$1,500,000? b–$2,500,000? c–$3,500,000?

2. The last title bout scheduled for 20 rounds was between:

a–Maxie Rosenbloom and Bob Olin in 1934? b–Joe Louis and Abe Simon in 1941? c–Al Hostak and Fred Apostoli in 1938?

3. Heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson fights out of New York. But was he born in:

a–Paterson, N. J.? b–Selma, Ala.? c–Waco, N. C.?

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ROUND TWO

1. The tallest heavyweight champion of all time was:

a–Jack Johnson? b–Primo Carnera? c–Jess Willard?

2. The same two men fought each other 20 times. This is considered the greatest marathon in the ring. Were they:

a–Kid Chocolate and Jackie Kid Berg? b–Al Singer and Sammy Mandell? c–Jack Britton and Ted Kid Lewis?

3. One pair among these not only are natives of the same country but of the same city. Are they:

a. Isaac Logart and Kid Gavilan? b–Cherif Hamia and Alphonse Halimi? c–Paoli Rosi and Duilio Loi?

ROUND FOUR

1. Flyweight king Pascual Perez of Argentina won the 112 pound crown in 1954. Did he outpoint:

a–Yoshio Shirai in Tokyo? b–Leo Espinosa in Manila? c–Oscar Suarez in Argentina?

2. A movie star who boxed professionally before turning his attention toward Hollywood is:

a–Robert Mitchum? b–James Cagney? c–Jack Palance?

3. A fast-rising young boxer who won a Pan-American title in the heavier division in 1954 is:

a–Zora Folley? b–Alex Miteff? c–Dogmar Martinez?

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ROUND FIVE

1. Only four boxers in modern history went through their pro careers without a defeat. One among these is not in this category. Is he:

a–Gene Tunney? b–Rocky Marciano? c–Jimmy Carruthers?

2. The boxing record for the most consecutive knockouts was set by:

a–Billy Fox? b–Joe Louis? c–Freddie Steele?

3. The ring name of a former heavyweight champion whose real monicker was Joseph Zukauskas was:

a–Jack Sharkey? b–Bob Fitzsimmons? c–Jim Jeffries?

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QUERIES ANSWERED BY NAT FLEISCHER

MARTIN SELKIRK, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Q—Has a referee in New York State in recent years disqualified a boxer for holding? What is the rule relative to that?

A—*So far as I can recall, no boxer has been disqualified for holding but a number have been disqualified after warnings by the referee for failure to give their best efforts. The rule stipulates that a referee may disqualify a man that is holding after the boxer has received several warnings but seldom do referees carry out their pre-bout instructions.*

ARTURO DE IA LANGE, HOUSTON, TEXAS

Q—Why are some boxers ranged in the heavyweight and light-heavyweight divisions though they have had only a couple of bouts?

A—*Because of the lack of top talent. If such boxers have superior ability to those not ranked, even though they have had few fights, especially if such fights have been against top men, they are deserving of a ranking. It is difficult to find ten really top men in each of those divisions so we take what we consider are the best in each. Where there is an opportunity to replace inactive boxers, we quickly do so.*

MARK CHRISTENSEN, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Q—What were the odds on the Patterson-Moore fight on the day of the fight. Who went into the ring the favorite?

A—*The odds were 9 to 5 favoring Moore on the day of the fight but shifted 7 to 5, ringside, Moore remaining the favorite.*

THOMAS SQUIRES, TORONTO, CAN.

Q.—Was Tommy Burns an American citizen? Was he ever a promoter?

A—*Burns was born in Canada but took out American citizenship papers. Yes, he was a boxer, manager and promoter. He promoted his fight with Beckett in London. His greatest attraction was the Luther McCarty vs Arthur Pelkey bout which he promoted in Calgary, Canada, in which McCarthy died.*

Q—In the fight for the lightweight title on November 17, 1954, between Paddy De Marco and Jimmy Carter, how did the battle end? I say by a decision in 15 rounds; my friends say by a knockout in the fourteenth. Who is correct?

A—*The bout went into the fifteenth round. Carter scored a knockout in the fifteenth.*

DO YOU KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS?

Mrs. Helen P. Varlamou is seeking the address of her brother, Nicolas Kempessos or Kiambessis, sometimes known as Nicol Kemp of Christos and Evgenia, a boxer who was born in Hadjilar, Smyrna in 1895. He came to the United States in 1911, lived in Pittsburgh and fought there and has not been heard from since 1922. **Any information should be addressed to his sister, 8 Koundourioti Street, Nea Smyrni-Athens, Greece.**

LAMAR CUMMINGS, MENA, ARKANSAS

Q—Is Benny Leonard mentioned in Leonard the Magnificent the former lightweight king? When did Leanard die?

A—*Yes. He died in New York in St. Nicholas Ring, April 18, 1947.*

Q—When did Freddy Welsh, Jim Flynn and Terry McGovern die? Are Gunboat Smith, Joe Jeanette, Arthur Donovan and Jack Britton alive? Where can I get pictures of all champions?

A—*Welsh died July 29, 1927; Flynn, April 12, 1915. McGovern, February 26, 1918. You will find all these in the Ring Record Book. The one coming out in February will contain many new old timers records.*

Britton, Jeanette, Donovan and Smith are alive. Donovan has retired but does part time physical instruction work at the New York AC.

You can obtain pictures of all champions from The Ring Book Shop, Madison Square Garden, 307 West 49th St., N. Y. City 19, N. Y.

ARTHUR PERFETTO, BALTIMORE, MD.

Q—If a fighter has a Maryland license, and he wants to box in New York, Pennsylvania and New Orleans, can he use that same license in those places?

A—*No. All States require that a boxer obtain a license in that State before he can box there.*

PFC BASIL YORIO, APO 16, N. Y., N. Y.

Q—Members of our company had an argument regarding the number of times Pep and Saddler fought for the world featherweight title. We get "The Ring" regularly and would like to have your organization settle the dispute. I say five; others say four times.

A—*They fought four times. October 29, 1948, Saddler stopped Pep in four rounds; February 11, 1949, Pep won in 15 rounds; September 7, 1950, Saddler stopped Willie in eight and on September 26, 1951 Saddler stopped Pep in 9.*

P. N. MIGNONE, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Q—What year was the 20 rounds rule abolished? Did Joe Louis ever sign for 20 round fights?

A—*The 20 rounds boxing matches for title bouts were discontinued after Joe Louis had engaged Bob Pastor and Abe Simon in Detroit, in 1939 and 1941, respectively. Louis won each by a knockout but the bouts were scheduled for 20 rounds. Previously Jack Dempsey staged two 20 round bouts for Max Baer in Reno Nevada, on July 4, 1931 against Paulino Uzcudun which Baer lost in 20 rounds and against Kingfish Levinsky, July 4, 1932, which he won in 20 rounds.*

There is no rule against 20 round bouts should a promoter desire to stage one. But he requires the permission of the Athletic Commission since all commissions have adopted 15 rounds as a limit to championship fights, 12 for eliminations and 10 for regular contests. But any commission has the right to permit a bout of 20 rounds.

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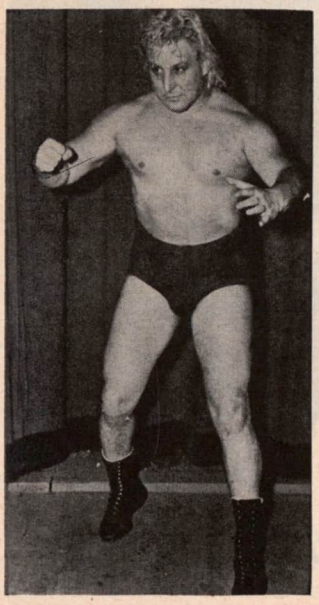
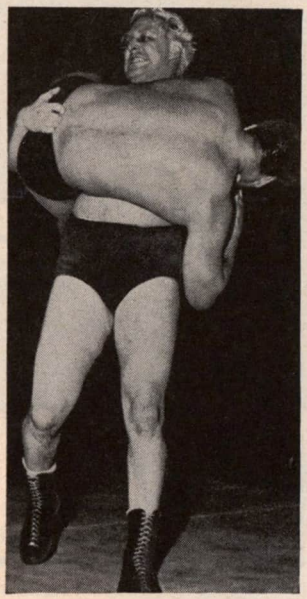
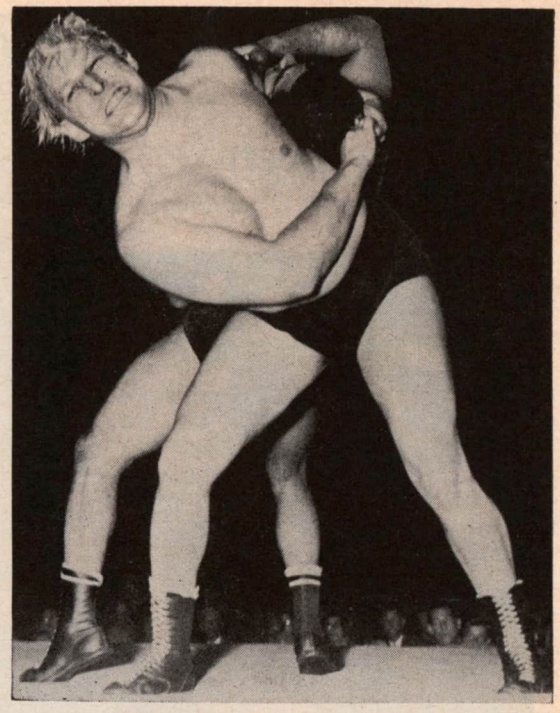






Kowalski Seen Above With Neck Breaker On Ramon Torres Of Mexico. (Far left) The Mat Maniac As He Looks To Opponents and Seen With Back Breaker on Same Torres in a Non Title Match. Stan is One Of The Outstanding Newcomers Among The Villains On West Coast.

BIG STANLEY KOWALSKI

By ED BRIGGS

RAPIDLY becoming one of the most consistent winners in the fast changing wrestling world is the blond 28 year old campaigner from Minneapolis, Minn., Stanley Kowalski.

"Big Stan," a brutal wildcat whose claim to fame is his "devil may care" wrestling style, readily admits that he is zooming toward the top of the wrestling heap and no one is going to stop him. *"If anyone thinks he is better and smarter than me,"* said Kowalski, *"tell 'em to come forward and I'll give him the beating of his life. I intend to be the 'unbeatable man' in this business and I don't think I'm a bit modest in saying what I believe."* The big fellow, a one-time protege of Hungarian star Sandor Szabo, says that clean wrestling is for the boys who don't ever expect to get any place in the grunt game. *"I wrestled under Szabo for awhile and learned a lot, but I got fed up with his style and began wrestling the way* **I LIKE BEST** *. . . rough and ready."* There is no doubt that the big Polish born lad is a rough and ready competitor, for he now holds wins over some of the most seasoned wrestlers.

His one ambition is to land a title match with National Wrestling Alliance world champion, Dick Hutton. *"Hutton is a very good wrestler,"* states Stan, *"But I happen to be better and smarter."*

Up until recently, he lost numerous bouts throughout the United States and Canada because he let his Polish temper get the best of his judgment. After losing match after match because of being disqualified for roughness, Stan decided to take it easy and revert to using his favorite finish-hold, the dreaded knee-drop, Kowalski style. He calls it the "pulverizer" and it has got him out of many tight spots.

Heavyweight contender Kowalski, a 265 pounder, was born in Poland, but received his education in America. He became an American citizen in 1935 when his father was naturalized.

Out of the ring Stanley is a sincere individual. But inside the ropes where his reputation and money earning power is at stake, he is a mat-maniac. European mat centers have been the scene of many Kowalski triumphs during the past few years. He has made four trips to Europe, covering 30,000 miles. His most recent victim was classy George Pencheff of Australia.

While serving in the U. S. Navy, "Big Stan" became the Pacific Fleet Heavyweight Wrestling Champion, and retained the title until his honorable discharge from the service in 1946. He has competed in Navy track meets and was named to the All-Navy track and wrestling meets and tournaments.

His $1,000 challenge to Pacific Coast Heavyweight Champion Ramon Torres has gone unanswered, but the Polish mat maniac says, *"He can't run away forever, and one day I'm gonna be the new champion."*

By NAT LOUBET

THE MAT WORLD

ON AND AROUND THE MAT:

A NEW addition to wrestlings fraternity was made when the ex-weight lifting champ (1956), Paul Anderson, decided to give up entertaining in night clubs and side shows to give the grappling circuit a whirl. He started at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco—teaming up with Leo Nomellini to defeat the Sharpes, Ben and Mike. . . . Anderson went to work on Mike with a series of head locks and then the finish to the tag team event came about when his partner Nomellini threw a flying tackle at Mike. It was all over at 23:35.

This corner was sorry to hear of the death from an apparent heart attack of a Brooklyn wrestler, Gordon McKinley, who was billed as the Flying Scotsman. He collapsed in the ring at Youngstown, Ohio.

Paul Baillargeon was the recipient of a $100 fine when after losing a match to Hard Boiled Haggerty at St. Paul, Minnesota, Paul went beserk and swung on the referee for halting the contest due to a cut on Paul's forehead. . . . Promoter Dennis Stecher of the Minneapolis Wrestling Club now has a penalty box operation to put a halt (tongue in cheek) to the unorthodox tactics of many of the matmen appearing at his arena. In tag team contests when one of the culprits acts up he is assigned to the penalty box while his partner must go it alone. The time he spends coincides with the amount of crime and mayhem committed.

Whipper Billy Watson deserves a placque for his work with crippled children and youths of all ages in an attempt to cut down injuries in a safety campaign . . . in connection with his campaign he has wrestled free of charge and talked all across Canada, to crippled children, in an effort to make their plight a little more liveable. . . . A credit line to you "Whipper" from all of us in wrestling.

Buddy Lee, who for a long period in his drive to promotion success was handling only "the girls," has now added on "the boys." . . . Gypsy Joe and his brother Gypsy Mike are the mainstays of the new stable.

Word from Peg Colwell on a new prospect to watch. . . . Bob Elliott, who is under the guidance of former champ and manager of Lou Thesz, Ed Strangler Lewis. . . . Bob has won from Big Jim Wright, Roger Mackay and Dick (the Bruiser) Afflis. . . . Also heard from Gene Gordon, a Ring correspondent, hailing the ability of Al Massey, making big strides in the South.

The Great Scott is making a hit in Canada. . . . Johnny Rogeau is also busy in Canada and has been seen in Minnesota recently.

Bottoms Up! Rita Cortez, a rough gal from Mexico, body slamming Ann Regan in a real brawl at Denver, Colorado. Cortez won the match.

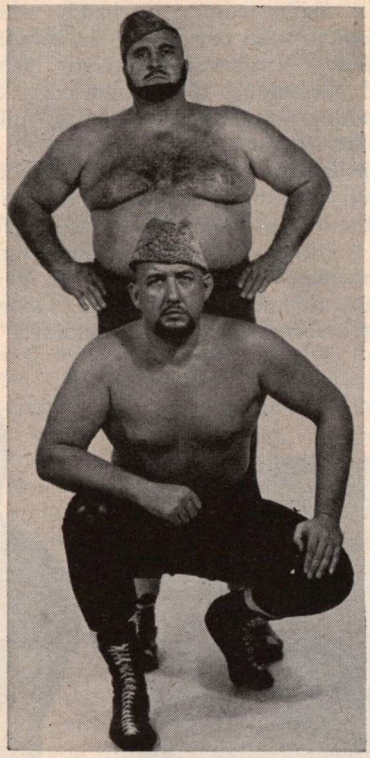
Have received a letter from an old friend, Baron von Stumme. Ring readers will remember him . . . Herr Baron is guiding the destinies of an ex German heavyweight boxer, turned to the mat, Wilson Kohlbrecher. . . . Wilson has successfully been campaigning in California . . . he weighs 220 pounds, stands 6′ 2″ and is 38 years of age . . . he resembles Max Schmeling, ex world heavy weight boxing champion.

Judy Grable, a curvacious handful of wrestling girldom, is busy making friends for women wrestling in Texas where she is a current rave. . . . Buddy (Nature Boy) Rogers is also doing well in Texas, as is another gal, Peggy Allen.

Just received the second edition of Tom Deugau's Western Wrestling Magazine which is highly interesting. He charges $2.85 for a year's subscription. Address 12233-67th St., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

The Tag Team of King Kong "Czaja" and Baron von Heczey won its title from the team of Joginder Singh and Dara Singh at New Delhi, India in April of 1956.

Czaja hails from Singapore and was a Hungarian before the unpleasantness in his country, and Heczey now calls Sidney his home, also is a Hungarian. They are top notchers in the Tag Team field. . . . They each hold many individual titles and will make a good addition to U. S. matsters when they arrive from overseas.



The all-Asian Tag Team Champs King Kong "Czaja", 410 pounds, top, and Baron Von Heczey, who toe the toledoes at 270. They will invade U.S. shortly.

FAN CLUB CORNER

Mary Halsey has written that she has resigned as President of the Jim Grabmire Fan Club for reasons beyond her control. . . . There has been a change at the helm of the Torres Brothers Fan Club with Lola "Mom" Bishop taking over as President. Mailing address for the club is 649 Farris, Fresno, California.

The Buddy Rosen Fan Club had a successful celebration of its first year in action. . . . Margie Baberian, President, writes that the club is receiving new members daily.

After an absence of several months the Baillargeon Official Fan Club is once again publishing their bulletin . . . congrats to President Louise Thoeny . . . the new issue is a pip!

Dickie Dimmick, President of the Lord Blears Fan Club, writes from Box 333 Vineland Place, Beaumont, California, that his club is gaining members as Blears is gaining friends wherever he wrestles.

A new Fan Club: The Mark Tendler FC with Janet Story at the head, can be reached by writing to Janet at 800 Main Street, Riverton, New Jersey. . . . Miss Story also writes that she takes issue with my line in a recent issue, re an oddity, in which the statement was made that "for the first time a fan club incorporates four honoraries." . . . Janet states "For a number of years now Bette Kreiger has had five honoraries, Gene and Steve Stanlee, The Great Scott, Buddy Lee, and Slave Girl Moolah." We are sorry to have misplaced an honorary Miss Story and we also agree with you that although Carol Homes may not be the tops with only four honoraries, she is doing a superb job.

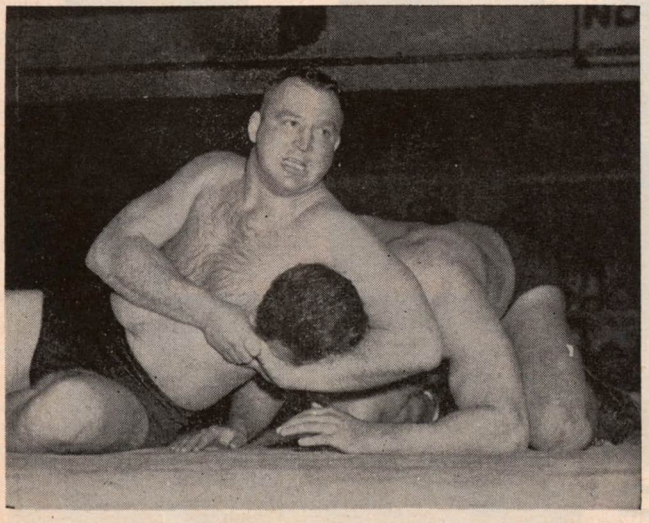
A new club, The Pretty Boy Clark, headed up by Margaret Hall, 356 S. Champion, Columbus, Ohio.

Another new Fan Club has been started in Camden, New Jersey in honor of Dominic Doganiero. The first President is George Burkett of 724 South Fourth Street, Camden, N. J.

RING POPULARITY POLL

MEN

1. Antonio Rocca
2. Rickie Starr
3. Dick Hutton
4. Pepper Gomez
5. Eduardo Carpentier
6. Buddy Rosen
7. Ronnie Etchison
8. Pat O'Connor
9. The Great Scott
10. Wilbur Snyder



Roy Eckert with a head lock on Lou Thesz. This was a brief moment of glory for Eckert since Thesz won the match. (Photo by Bob Utter)

Paul Anderson, Olympic weight lifting champion, who matriculated into side show theatrics and night club entertaining and is now becoming a professional wrestler.

WOMEN

1. Princess Moolah (Champ)
2. June Byers (Champ)
3. Penny Banner
4. Judy Grable
5. Vickie Lynn
6. Rita Cortez
7. Terru Majors
8. Judy Glover
9. Tona Tomah
10. Babs Wingo

RAYMONDE "FRENCHY" ROUSSELOT

By Bob Utter

A snappy black-haired beauty who is capturing the hearts of mat lovers throughout the country is Raymonde Rousselot, a transplanted French lass, now making her home in Chicago, Ill.

Miss Rousselot, or Frenchy, as some people call her is only 25 years of age. Raymonde is a photographer's dream. She stands 5-feet 6-inches in height and weighs 135 pounds of well distributed curves.

Having only been in pro wrestling for three years she has already met such known cauliflower experts as rugged Ada Ash, tough Ramona TeSelle and clever Rose Roman. She has had in the neighborhood of 200 bouts and has won 90% of this total.

Raymonde claims Ash to be the best all-around opponent she has faced and TeSelle the toughest. *"Rose Roman is smart,"* smiled the black-haired beauty.

When talking about movies, Miss Rousselot selects Leslie Caron as her favorite actress and Kirk Douglas her favorite actor. She also goes for Marlo Brando and Robert Taylor.

She goes for swimming and ping pong as her favorite forms of recreation. Her ambition is to someday win the global belt now being worn by Clever June Byers and Princess Moolah.

With measurements of 34-24-34, Miss Rousselot selects French pastries as her favorite foods. (How does she do it?).

THE DONN LEWIN STORY

By Viola G. May

Donn Lewin, always a favorite, is presently campaigning in the east exhibiting his talents in Washington, D. C.—Baltimore, New York City and other big wrestling areas.

One of the best drop kick specialists today, his footwork has floored many heavier opponents. Donn doesn't depend on drop kicks alone. He is "King" of the atomic drop, and a master with the head scissors. He has been characterized as a man of action and not of words.

Success hasn't spoiled Donn. His rise to stardom has been steady and constant since turning pro eight years ago.

Donn, of German ancestry, was born and reared in Buffalo, N. Y. where he has a permanent home with his wife and two children, Holly age 8, and 4 year old Dan'l.

A hero in the ring, he was also a hero in the Marine Corp. At the age of 15 he was well developed and able to convince the Marines he was 19. He saw action in the Pacific, was in fierce combat from Bouganville to Iwo Jima and Guam. He was wounded and received several decorations. From 218 pounds, Donn has now climbed to 230. He stands an even 6 ft.

Before wrestling Donn was a boxer. This ability comes in handy when forced to hand out a few. His physical fitness is attributed to weight lifting and swimming. His knowledge of wrestling was garnered during his hitch in the Marines.

Today, he is qualified in every respect, including experience, to shoot at the highest honor. Fans love him for his scientific style and his manners and refinement in and out of the ring. They come to see wrestling and Donn's matches are well worth attending. *"If a wrestler can't take it, he has no business in the ring"* said Donn and when his atomic drop is applied properly it means only one thing—trouble for his opponent.

Donn asserts that all credit for his success cannot be attributed to himself. He has had luck, a lot of friends, hard work and excellent opportunities and the fans add *"he carries his winning ways wherever he goes."* In his countless interviews on TV, before or after a match, Donn has never bragged about himself nor has he ever spoken an unkind word against any of his foes. Tooting his own horn is not his forte.

Donn enjoys Chinese, Italian and Greek foods, in fact most any foreign or oriental dishes, but no starches please.

He is a co-owner of a large cement contracting company and his hobby is raising animals. He now has five tropical birds, a variety of fish, one dog, one cat, chimpanzee and monkey. He did

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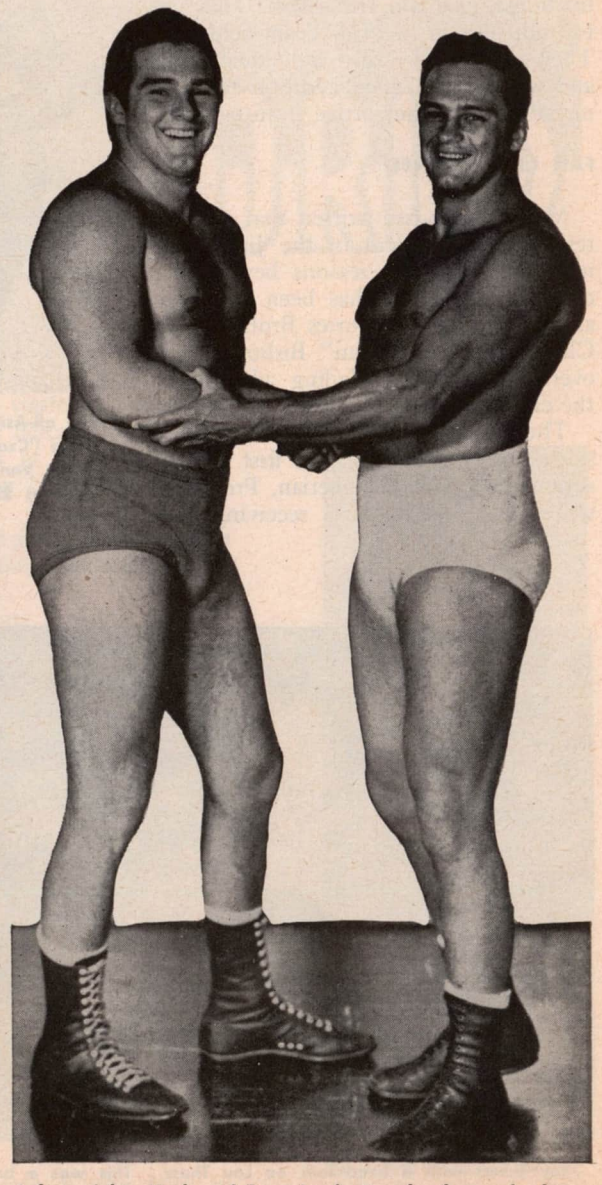
Raymonde Rousselot, ("Frenchy") who has been making Chicago, Illinois her home since arriving from Paris, France.



Left to right: Mark and Donn Lewin, two brothers, who have become favorites with fans wherever they appear.

raise a lion but that was too big a job so it was given to one of the zoos. With Mark as a team partner, they have held the Eastern States title, the American team title, as well as individual states honors.

In the near future The Ring will print a story on Mark.

THE PACIFIC COAST

By Ed Riggs

Highlight of the west coast wrestling scene the past month was the pro wrestling debut of 1956 Olympic Weightlifting Champion Paul Anderson of Alabama. Big Paul, a 24 year old native of Toccoa, a small Alabama community, looks very good in his first matches. He's a surefire attraction and his manager-trainer Howard (Hangman) Cantonwine is taking him along at an easy pace. A very friendly individual, 355 pound Anderson has the makings of a great matman. Cantonwine has kept the young wrestling sensation under wraps for over a year while they were in training.

Ramon Torres and Cyclone Anaya, the new Mexican-Venezuelan tag unit, has managed to hold on to the NWA World Heavyweight Tag Team title. Ray and Cyclone work very smooth together. . . . Lou Klein, ex-Michigan main event attraction, brought the tag team of midgets Little Red Feather, Cowboy Cassidy, Tom Thumb and Tiny Roe to the coast. It was a pleasure to see Lou in action, as this corner had heard a great deal about the pride of promoter Harry Light of Detroit during the past 10 years. Klein handles himself very nicely, although he lost out to Cyclone Anaya in their one fall bout in Fresno (Calif.) . . . Big Stanley Kowalski, a tough cookie with long bleached blonde hair, is fuming over his failure to get a title match with coast heavyweight champion Ray Torres. Stan has challenged the Sonora Wildcat but all that Torres has done is turn a deaf ear. Both boys are extremely capable. The match would be a fine gate attraction. . . . Missouri heavyweight contender Ronnie Etchison writes from St. Joseph, Mo., to express his appreciation to RING mat editor Nat Loubet, his many followers and the Etchison Fan Club for the honor accorded him in January. Ronnie was second man in the RING *"Wrestler of the Year"* awards. Ron hopes to make it back to San Francisco in June. . . . Teenage idol Leo Garibaldi is wrestling in New Mexico for Mike London. . . . Cyril Kruss writes from Capetown, South Africa to say that Willie Liebenberg defeated Abe Levinsky of the USA at Capetown. Due over there soon is giant mat mauler Don Leo Jonathon. . . . Pat Fraley, clever and likeable veteran of the wrestling wars, signed an extended contract with Al Dermer, promoter-matchmaker of the DAV Wrestling Club in Fresno. Fraley, who can mix it anyday of the week clean or as a villian, was given a fine boost in the international ratings thanks to RING MAGAZINE who listed Pat as one of the most hated villians in the nation for 1957. His neck twister and flying toe hold are feared by wrestlers everywhere.

Sky High Lee, giant 290 pound Texas mat meanie from El Paso, made an impressive coast debut and has formed a team with Ilio DiPaolo. Lee's recent northern California victims were George Pencheff, Vincent Lopez, Oyama Kato, Juan Humberto and Art Michalik. This big brawler is in reality a very friendly individual but isn't anyone that one want to have mad at him. Lee likes the coast and here's hoping that his stay is a long one.

The 1958 Parade of Champions has started in California, with both San Francisco and Los Angeles bookers importing many new and returning top notch wrestlers. Newly arrived on the coast line are Lee, Leo Nomellini, Vincent Lopez, Paul Anderson, Pepper Gomez, Lou Klein, Wild Red Berry, Big Bob Orton, Juan Humberto Reggie Parks, Aldo Bogni, and Hans Hermann. . . . Hans Schmidt is due in the San Francisco territory later this year. Here's hoping that the Joe and Frank Malcewicz booking office imports Chris and John Tolos and Argentina Rocca. These three stars haven't shown here in many years. . . .

My monthly results feature, "Wrestling World Results-News" is now available to fans throughout the nation.

Drop me a line at 4510 North Arthur Ave., Fresno 5, Calif., and I'll send you full information. . . . Charro Azteca is doing well in the Los Angeles area. . . . Pepper Gomez and Sandor Szabo halted the winning streak of tag teamers Wild Red Berry and Bob Orton at San Diego. . . . Kay Bell, ex-Texas heavyweight champion in 1946, is retired.

JERRY GRAHAM

By Tom Mortimer

A couple months ago, some folks had heard that Dr. Jerry Graham was working his way up the East Coast, wrestling here and there, as only he does. So, they asked me, if he ever got up here to the Berkshire Hills to write my impression of him. Well, to start off, I had to meet this here fella. Meet up with Jerry Graham. You readers want to know something that I found out? Jerry Graham is just like the rest of us, another human being, that's all. I've been called worse names then Jerry Graham has ever been called. But, as he put it, he doesn't care. As long as they pay the freight to see him clobber the other guy. When they holler at him, it is music in his ears. It is their right to do so. Maybe they do not like him taking a hunk, or a bite out of the other guy's toe but they've got to admit that he certainly does have what it takes to create mayhem and all that goes with it, in the ring.

Like the old master, Bob Russell often told me, Jerry has the same thought. That if a guy can't take it, he shouldn't be in the ring. Jerry says he is waiting to cross paths with Dick Hutton. I can imagine what a bout with Hutton is going to be like. I never found out what the doctor stands for. The only thing I can figure it maybe is Doctor of Mayhem.

When the guy is laying on the mat in a corner, he gets up on the ring ropes, then jumps on the guy's belly. That is a corker. I'm sure that the other guy also feels it's a corker, too. Jerry is 6-2 and weighs about 245 lbs. Jerry Graham sure is a fine fella—out of the ring —that is.

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

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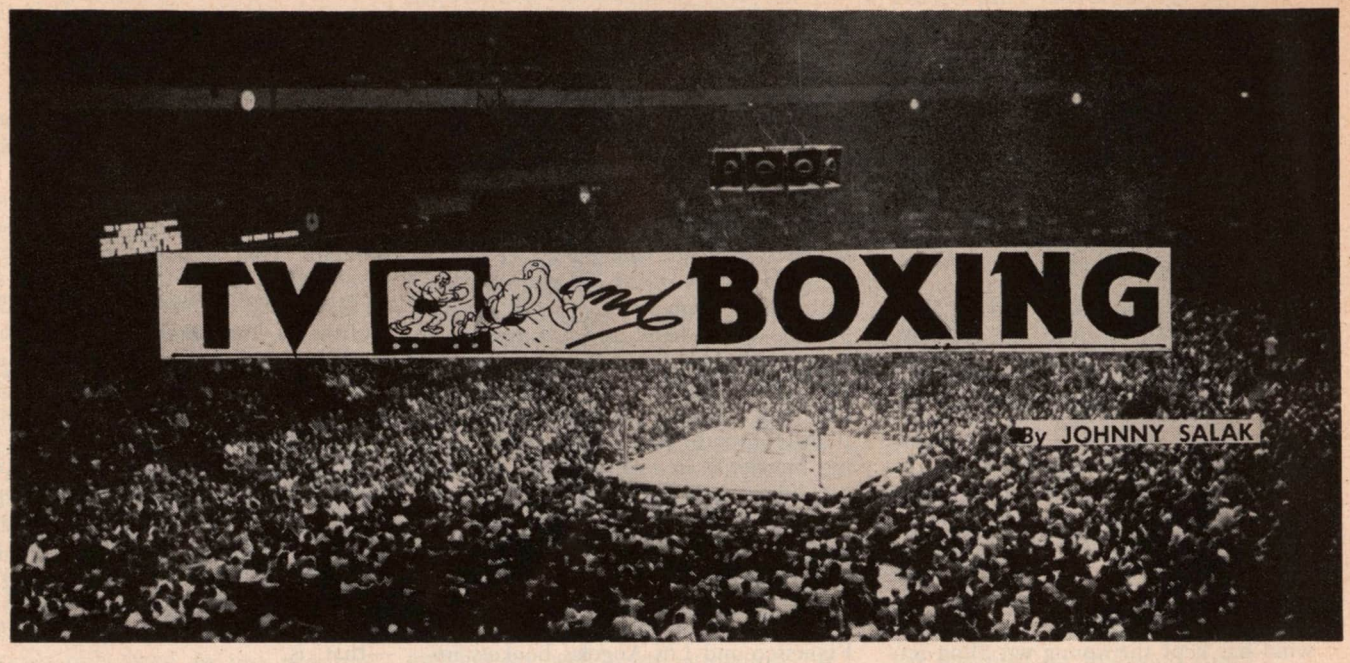
A boxer named Joe Dorsey has brought action seeking to nullify a Louisiana law banning racially-mixed matches in that State. The New Orleans light-heavyweight's lawyer argues that the law deprives his client of equal protection under the U. S. Constitution.

Not so, contends William P. Schuler, assistant attorney general of Louisiana, who insists the law is no more discriminatory against Negroes than against whites and that many more white fighters could make more money if they could box Negroes.

It's interesting to learn that the law is just as bad for whites as it is for Negroes and that, in Louisiana, two wrongs do make a right. With all due respect to the assistant attorney general of Louisiana, may we borrow a word from former President Truman and label the distinguished Louisiana gentleman's reasoning as *"gobbledegook!"*

Johnny Addie has long been our favorite ring announcer and mainly because he invariably turns in a good job without having the illusions of some announcers that he is as much of an attraction as the main bout performers. But one night recently he forgot he was guest referee in Norfolk, Va., and went strictly Brooklynese. ". . . *The other judge,*" said Johnny, *"calls the fight a drore."*

An item we read recently said that Maxie Rosenbloom is in the midst of writing his autobiography. We hope he doesn't forget to include the time he sat down in a restaurant and ordered a "sea-lion steak, well-to-do." Or the time he opened a restaurant of his own on the Coast where he had a 10-cent cover-charge "to keep out the riff-raff."



THE first firm step in the direction of pay-TV in sports was taken when the announcement was made of an agreement reached between the International Telemeter Corporation and James D. Norris, president of the International Boxing Club and of Madison Square Garden.

The announcement said that "joint arrangements had been concluded whereby certain sports and other programs originating in arenas like Madison Square Garden would be made available exclusively on Telemeter's pay-as-you-see television system on an experimental basis."

International Telemeter, a subsidiary of Paramount Pictures, uses channels not being employed by stations broadcasting free TV.

"These experiments," Norris said, "will not interfere in any manner with the regularly scheduled Wednesday and Friday night free boxing TV presentations."

He said that he was interested in exploring this method of paid transmission in order to add to the compensation which could be given participants and to increase the "variety and quality of presentations" offered to video watchers.

Telemeter hopes to put on telecasts of basketball games, ice shows, the circus and other sporting events.

The first step was taken on Tuesday, February 11 in Chicago when International telemeter put on a special demonstration from the Midwest Gym. A minor fight, featuring Jerry Mortell, of Chicago, and Don Anderson of Pittsburgh, was screened, with exhibitors looking on at a screen at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in the same city. This telecast, over closed circuits, was not shown in homes.

TV BOXING

MONDAY

ST. NICHOLAS ARENA, New York (DuMont TV Network), Chris Schenkel, Announcer.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS emanating from various cities (ABC-TV Network), Jack Drees, Announcer.

FRIDAY

† **CAVALCADE OF SPORTS,** Madison Square Garden, New York, and other cities (NBC-TV Network), Jimmy Powers, Announcer.

SATURDAY

LEGION STADIUM, Hollywood (KHJ-TV)

† Also heard over NBC Radio Network, Don Dunphy, Announcer.

International Telemeter Corporation should not be confused with Tele-Prompter Corporation, which is handling the closed-circuit theatre-television arrangements of the Basilio-Robinson middleweight title match.

Sporting events from Madison Square Garden have been shown less and less on television. In 1957 only sixteen Friday night fights were held there. Friday night fights are on NBC-TV and Saturday night basketball games are on a local New York station, WPIX. Other events are blacked out. ABC-TV carries the Wednesday night bouts, which originate in cities other than New York on most occasions.

Skiatron was the first pay-TV outfit to have successfully negotiated with a major sports client, having contracted with the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants for the 1958 baseball season.

A spokesman for the International Telemeter Corporation jubilantly said, "This means that pay television is getting off the ground. We are at last getting programs to offer."

It is understood that the city of Bartlesville, Okla., where pay-TV experiments with first-run motion pictures have been going on, will be the site of the pay-as-you-see experiments in the telecasting of boxing and other sports.

Burt Champion, of Telemeter, said the company is free to begin pay televising despite the current dispute over that subject in Washington. He said the Telemeter system transmits pictures by cable, rather than broadcast through the air, and therefore is not subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission.

Champion further stated that it eventually would cost about $100 a home to install the equipment necessary to receive such broadcasts. Movies and sports programs would be the original offerings but the deal with the Garden could be of major importance in the future.

The whole system of pay-as-you-see television is now under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission and Congress.

Champions said the promoter would be paid a percentage of the income from each event with the percentage depending on the attractiveness of the offering.

"Eventually, in two or three years, this could mean something financially,"

said Harry Markson, managing director of the I.B.C.

A couple of days after this announcement was made, indications were that the experiments now running in Bartlesville, featuring first run movies, were not doing too spectacularly. A reduction in monthly charges for pay television movie programs was made by Video Independent Theatres, Inc.

Cost of the service was reduced on March 2 from $9.50 to $4.95. The programs will be operated on two channels from 7 P.M. until 11 P.M. daily. Daytime operation were eliminated.

One of the two channels is devoted to background music, time and temperature while first run and late movies are carried on the other channel. At least five pictures a week are offered.

Henry S. Griffing, Video president, said the change is a frank bid for more subscribers.

"Although the initial response to telemovies last Fall was exceptionally good, we haven't added as many subscribers as we had hoped," he said. "Therefore, we are changing the pattern somewhat, to see if we can find the right formula of price and programming."

THEATRE TV

Relatively fantastic grosses are expected for the March 25 return bout between Carmen Basilio and Ray Robinson for the world middleweight championship at Chicago Stadium, which may make theatre-TV, long-expecting but never quite delivering, a potent rival to the coming pay-as-you-see television in the sports picture.

A two million dollar figure was advanced optimistically by officials of the TelePrompter Corp., which is handling the television end of the big fight.

The officials, President Irving Kahn and Vice-president Bill Rosensohm, said they already, as of early February, signed 160 outlets with a seating capacity of 481,000.

"It's the largest network ever assembled for a closed circuit show," said Rosensohm. "We expect to have a record 200 theatres with a seating capacity of 550,000 hooked up for the fight. Of this, we expect between 450,000 and 475,000 tickets to be sold at an average of $4 a seat."

"We could do two million the way this is going," added Kahn. "We have just signed up the Cross County Shopping Center in Yonkers. The operators plan to build a temporary stadium and have guaranteed us well in excess of 5,000 seats.

"In addition to theatres," said Rosensohn, "we have signed up arenas in Rochester, Syracuse, Houston, San Francisco and Louisville. We may get more buildings with huge seating capacities."

Norman Rothschild, Syracuse promoter, who for the first Basilio-Robinson fight, screened the closed-circuit telecast into auditoriums, will do so again, in Syracuse and Rochester, staging a set of preliminary bouts in the arena while the fans await the action in the championship go.

Rothschild was granted permission to offer the fans the two package deals by the New York State Athletic Commission. He will use the New York State Coliseum in Syracuse and the War Memorial Auditorium in Rochester. The combined seating capacity for boxing at these two arenas is some 20,000 and could gross $100,000.

The package, supposedly a "first" in the annals of boxing, though experimented with several years ago, would cost each fan $5, Rothschild told the Commission, four dollars for the main event plus a dollar for the live prelims.

In announcing approval of Rothschild's plans, commission chairman Julius Helfand said, "This is in line with the commission's plans to stimulate boxing throughout the state, especially in the small communities and clubs, and to encourage the development of young fighters."

Rothschild plans to stage 28 rounds of boxing at each arena before the Basilio-Robinson match goes on closed-circuit TV. The live card will consist of an eight-round bout, two sixes and a pair of fours.

After the prelims are out of the way, Rothschild expects to show the big fight from the ring, with screens on each side, making it easier watching for the fans.

Arrangements for arena pay-TV in San Francisco are being handled by Sid Flaherty, while down in Houston Lou Viscusi is the man.

TelePrompter is also discussing a gigantic four-way screen, 30 feet high, for the Los Angeles Coliseum, which has a seating capacity of over 100,000.

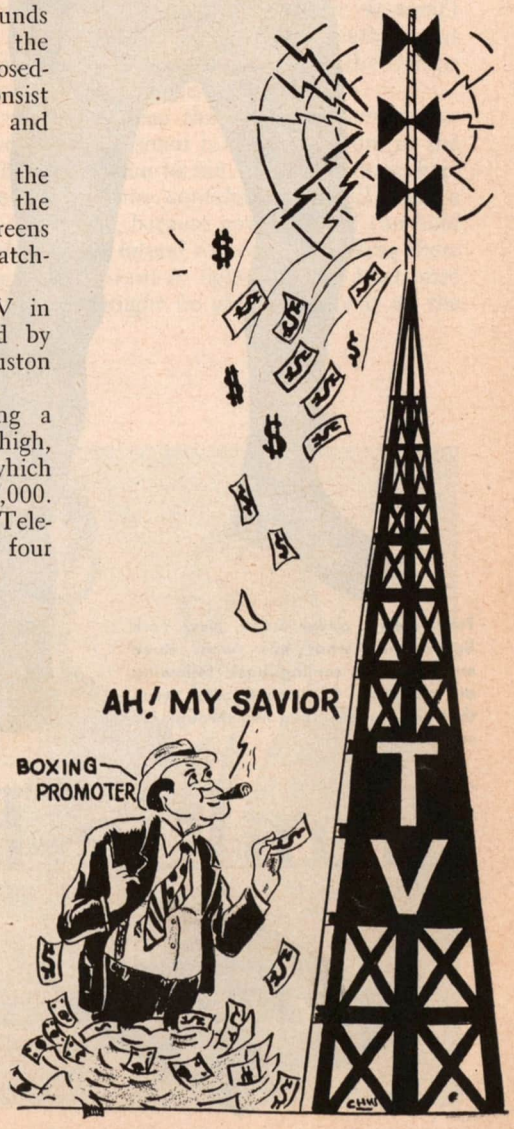
At Ray Robinson's insistence, TelePrompter was permitted to bring four outlets into the first Basilio-Robinson closed circuit hookup last September. The major portion was handled by Theatre Network Television, Inc. (TNT), which had handled all previous theatre-telecasts of International Boxing Club fights.

TelePrompter outbid TNT for the right to the return fight.

"The thing has been going so well," said Kahn, "that we have upped our guarantee to the I.B.C. from $275,000 to $350,000."

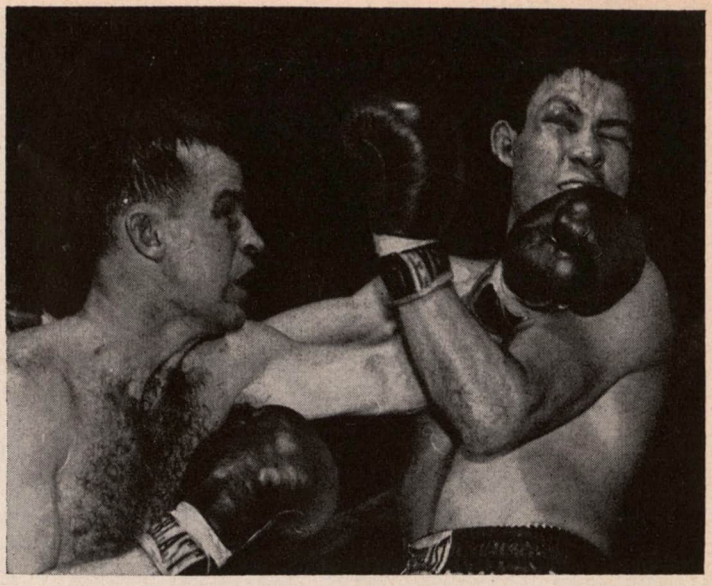
CHANNEL HOPPING . . . . Fights from the Hollywood Legion Stadium, as of February 15, are once again being telecast on Saturday nights.

Kid Gloves, featuring peewee boxers aged three to ten, are seen on television every Saturday evening in a new program over KHJ-TV, Channel 9, Los Angeles. The youngsters box three one-minute rounds, decked out in big cushion gloves and wearing face and head mask. Frankie Goodman, an intercollegiate lightweight champ at Penn State some twenty years ago, is in charge of the program.



With initiative and drive shown in the set-up of the closed-circuit telecast of the Basilio-Robinson bout, whereby live prelims will be staged and various arenas will be used, plus the rapid-fire developments in pay-TV which will embrace boxing and other sports, promoters are on the verge of striking it rich once again.

Frankie Ryff, clever Bronx, New York lightweight who has won three straight since coming back following an operation to remove scar tissue that had handicapped him through his career.



Ryff crashes a solid left to the jaw of Kid Centella during their recent bout at St. Nick's. Frankie looked very impressive in posting an easy victory.

Frankie Ryff—Comeback?

EXCLUSIVE

Despite New Eye Cuts. Replacing Old Ones, Shifty Bronx Lightweight Is Confident of Fighting His Way to World Championship.

By MURRAY ROSE

IN ring parlance, a "bleeder" is a boxer who cuts easily around the eyes. In recent years the most prolific "bleeder" in the industry has been Frankie Ryff, shifty Bronx lightweight, who suffered several defeats in succession because of gashed eyebrows.

Ryff thought he had cured his trouble when he underwent an operation last year and survived the first two bouts of his "comeback" without suffering any serious damage around his optics. But the old "jinx" caught up to him again in his third start when he whipped welterweight Tony DeCola at the St. Nicholas Arena in New York but suffered two badly torn brows that required 14 stitches.

Still, Frankie isn't discouraged and is determined to continue his chase after the world 135-pound title.

An outstanding amateur, Ryff launched his pro career in impressive fashion, winning 20 of his first 21 starts, and earning recognition in 1954 by the New York Boxing Writers' Association as the "Rookie of the Year," and the Chicago writers' citation as "Best Prospect of the Year."

He was tall for a lightweight—5 feet, 8½ inches—had fast hands, a long reach, a rapier left, and a zest for fighting. The only loss was to speedy Ralph Dupas—whom Frankie had

beaten earlier—and cuts sent Frankie on the way to a split decision defeat in that New Orleans encounter.

Although Frankie continued on his winning way, he was "cutting up" more and more, and eventually referees were stopping bouts because of his torn brows. It was after he had lost in this manner to Gene Butler in Providence on April 1, 1957, that Ryff and Manager Charley Black decided something had to be done—and quick—or 25-year-old Frankie would have to hang up his gloves for good.

"It looked like curtains," said Frankie. "So we decide to see if the doctors could help. Charley asked Al Weill if he knew someone because Rocky Marciano had plastic surgery to remove scar tissue over his eyes. Weill recommended a doctor who, I think put us on to Dr. Charles Newman. He's great.

"Dr. Newman looked me over and said the brow bones jutted out sharply and that made the skin over it very vulnerable. Dr. Newman shaved back the brow bones in a three-hour operation in June. It was my only hope to keep fighting. Then the scar tissue was removed. It was in the hospital for about a week and a half. When I got out I made regular visits to Dr. Newman.

"Finally I was given the go-ahead to give the face a try. I went to the gym. I didn't use a head guard either. We figured if the skin was going to bust open we might as well find out as soon as possible. I didn't want to kid myself. So I boxed in the gym and everything went great. I was banged and butted a few times. When it happened, I almost waited for the blood to start dripping. But it didn't. I could hardly believe it.

"Then it was time to make the test in a fight. I took on Frankie Ippolito at St. Nicks on Dec. 12. It was my first fight in eight months. I was a little shy at first and I wasn't sharp. But as the fight went on and I didn't cut, I developed confidence. I know I didn't look like any world beater but the main thing was not getting cut.

"After that came Kid Centella at St. Nicks, Jan. 13. Another win—and more important—no cuts.

"I was feeling good now. Two bouts, two wins, no cuts. Another bout or two and I'd be ready to start chasing after a title match.

"Then I was in trouble again. I didn't expect it from DeCola. I knew he was tough, strong and heavier than I. (He outweighed me seven pounds.) But I felt I was too fast and would outbox him easily. He turned out to be a harder problem than I figured. I won the decision but it was rough going and at the finish the blood was gushing down my face from rips over both yes.

"Immediately after the bout I went to see Dr. Newman. He sewed up the damage. I was discouraged but he wasn't. He said it wasn't the old cuts that had opened up. These were new ones, and the doctor was sure he could fix them up as well as he did the old ones. He said that when he is finished this time, I'll have nothing more to worry about, so far as eye cuts are concerned. I sure hope he's right. I've never felt more like fighting than I do now, and I'd like to keep going until I can get a crack at the lightweight title.

"I'm in great shape now—even better than when I was rolling up wins and was ranked. That may sound strange, I know, but there's several good reasons.

"For one thing, I haven't got that dry cleaning store. For another, I got rid of my cat, Tippy. Both have a lot to do with my health.

"I blew about $5,000 on the dry cleaning store. While I had it and was fighting, I worried about it. It was losing all the hard-earned money I was making in the ring. I developed asthmatic bronchitis because of the dust in the store. I was always getting colds.

"Then I was told that I was allergic to the hair of my cat, Tippy. I loved that old alleycat but I had to get rid of him. I sent him to my mother-in-law's place at Brewster, N. Y. He sure is living it up in the country. He chases rabbits and has lots of fun.

"Blowing that money on the store was a shock. It wasn't only the money. I wanted to make good in something out of the ring. Losing out in the store put me in the dumps I was real depressed and it hurt me in the ring.

"While I was recovering from that plastic surgery operation, I went to work as a salesman for Roberts' Ford in the Bronx. They've been real nice to me. And I've done fine. Making good there helped my confidence. It will make a better fighter out of me, too, because now I know I can hold my own outside the ring. I intend to keep on working there as well as fighting. And I want to fight often, at least once a month. I think now I might be able to make it all the way to the top."

A beaming Frankie Ryff poses with Ring Editor Nat Fleischer and New York Commissioner Julius Helfand after being honored as "Rookie of the Year" in 1954. He won 17 straight after turning pro to gain this high award.

Answers to the "Five Rounder"

Round one—c, b, a (Tendler was a lefty but never a champ).
Round two—c (6-6¼), c, a.
Round three—b ($2,658,660), b, c.
Round four—a, c, b.
Round five—a, a, a.

RATINGS

(Continued from page 13)

Gale Kerwin whipped Stefan Redl, 10. Sauveur Chiocca won from Abel Soudan, 10. Pierre Wouters decisioned Frits van Kempen, 10. Jean Hoeffler outpointed Brahim Kettani, 10.

Larry Boardman outpointed Johnny DiGilio, 10. Kid Fichique kayod Jimmy Ford, 4. Jerry Mortell won from Don Alderson, 8. Arnoldo Gil kayoed Tobe Penaloza, 4. Tony Veranis kayoed Rocky Ford, 4. Don Jordan outscored Karl-Heinz Guder, 10.

Nardo Parets beat Rolando Rodriguez, 8. Joey Archer beat Eddie Prince, 6. Gene Takach beat Cortez Jackson, 6. Ernie Roberts stopped Jerry Black, 1.
decisioned Herbie Rodriguez, 10. Ray Terrazas and Jimmy Lassiter drew, 10. Marcelo Vargas stopped Chalio Duran, 10. Willie Stevenson decisioned Bob Kennedy, 8.

Arnoldo Gil kayoed Huitlacoche Jimenez, 9 and Ray Portilla, 10. Karl-Heinz Guder kayoed Ramon Tiscareno, 5. Federik Thompson kayoed Angelo Gregorutil, 4. Rocky Kalingo kayoed Dan Santiago, 2. Jesus Celes kayoed Bombero Gonzalez, 5.

Bobby Ortiz kayoed Milton Jones, 4, and stopped Ben Coleman, 2. Eddie Perkins won over Alan Kennedy, 6. Danny Davis and Jim McNamara drew, 6, but was stopped by Joe Reynolds, 4. Don Jose beat Jimmy Adams, 5.

Jerry Jordan beat Don Weller, 6. Don beat Joey Vasquez, 6. Charlie Yates defeated Klaus Miska, 10. Don Kennington kayoed John Hundson, 3. Kid Rayo defeated DeWitt Lewis, 6. Wally Johnson beat Al Jones, 6.

Johnny Gorman won over Julius Rhodes, 6, and Willie Davis, 6. Gene Tortorice won over George Ferenzi, 6, and Frank Medley, 6. Vince Bonomo won from Jimmy Lane, 6. John Powell beat Pero Bradley, 5.

Deacon Bryant kayoed Larry Chavez, 2. Al Boudreax defeated Johnny McKoin, 10. Eddie Jones won over Connie Citizen, 6. Art Turner kayoed Blacky Haynes, 2. Greg Carrejo and Rudy Sandoval drew, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champion Joe Brown stopped Sonny Boy Williams, 5 (non-title).

Ralph Dupas outpointed welter Gaspar Ortega, 10.

Mexican champion Baby Vasquez kayoed Jose Galicia, 6.

Joey Lopes decisioned Damso Collazo, 10.

British champion Dave Charnley outpointed Don Jordan, 10. Mario Vecchiatto upset Orlando Zulueta, 10.

Frankie Ryff bested Tony DeCola, 10. Angel Robinson stopped Fernando Silva, 7.

Paulie Armstead decisioned Kid Anahuac, 10. Jamie Gine kayoed Humberto Madriaga, 7. Bob Burdett won from Terry Blanker, 10. Fidel Lucero beat Antonio Ramirez, 12. Javellana Kid kayoed Terry Robolado, 7.

Ray Riojas defeated Dave Dupas, 10. Kid Centella and Baby Leroy ended in a technical drew, 1. Aladino Guzman kayoed Marvin Rose, 1, and Yoichi Suzki, 4. Beto Carbajal halted Juanito Martinez, 6.

Carlos Arregui won from Vicente Ramirez, 10. Vicente whipped Pedro Rodriguez, 10. Hector Garcia won over Kid Filipino, 10. Henry Gutierrez halted Leon Lopez, 2. Salvador Vera beat Lupe Garcia, 12. Rocky Randell kayoed Maxie Trero, 9.

Andy Arel won over Ray Estepa, 8. Prince Johnson and Iggy Malsanado drew, 8. Jerry Leroux defeated Pat McCoy, 10. Mike Ponce bested Toro Carranza, 10. Toro kayoed Negro Calavera, 3. Kid Tlaxcala defeated Juan Leyva, 8. Manuel Castro and Chino Gonzalez drew, 8. Chino then won in 8.

Pat Mullane stopped Charlie Sims, 2. Eddie Armstrong halted Merrill Olmstead, 4. Merrill also lost to Prince Johnson, 8. Roberto Pinon kayoed Pepe Montes, 3. Carlos Loyola stopped Arnulfo Ramirez, 2, and beat Benny Suarez, 10. Kid Alacran beat Libe Zavala, 10.

Joe Reynolds kayoed Danny Davis, 4. Lee Bohles stopped Lou Civiglia, 2. Yutaka Saikawa beat Daniel Melandez, 6. Bill Thomas stopped Al Carroll, 4.

Bill Millsten kayoed Harold Nelson, 2. Fenley Hooker kayoed Panama Carlos Ortiz, 5. Pia Kaalehakai beat Ray Carvalho, 6. Ray also lost to Harold Mara, 6. Jean Dulhoste halted Maurice Houde, 2. Henry Berrera kayoed Andy Carmona, 3. Ernie Krenzek defeated Joe Chavez, 6.

Bobby Hicks kayoed Jimmy Zale, 3. Marcelino Vargas halted Oscar Tinoco, 5. Ritchie Matsumura beat Maxie Telles, 6. Pat Brown beat Raul San Miguel, 6.

Paul Armstead stopped Mickey Northrup, 8. Angel Garcia kayoed Fernando Silva, 6. Len Matthews stopped Norman Young, 4. Carlos Loyola beat Tony Lopez Smith, 10.

Maxie Carlos decisioned Emil Tinde, 12. Jimmy McGinnes beat Al Duarte, 6. Mickey Spataro won from Joey Parks, 6.

Chico Morales bested Tony Lamelas, 6. Bill Brown and Buddy McDonald drew, 10. Mel Middleton defeated Jimmy Ellis, 6. Freddie Cozart kayoed Harry Hampton, 3.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey defeated Pierre Cossemyns, 10 (non-title).

Paul Jorgensen kayoed Tommy Cox, 4.

Gil Cadilli stopped Hank Aceves, 7. Ricardo Gonzalez kayoed Hector Quijada, 3. Roberto Garcia stopped Ernesto Figueroa, 10.

Lauro Salas defeated Noel Humphreys, 10. Battling Torres kayoed Chucho Mejia, 10. Gil Flores bested Army Wonder Boy, 10.

Harold Gomes kayoed Harold Smith, 7. Manuel Alvarez beat Pedro Miranda, 10, and Jose Casas, 10. Angel Guerrero won from Moi Torres, 10.

Claudio Adame kayoed Heliodoro Hernandez, 5, and Otilio Galvan, 6. Ray Ming Chan outpointed Ronnie Manasseh, 10. Emil Tinde drew with Puyas Boy, 10. Chino Saavedra kayoed Henry Macias, 2. Alfredo Bunette drew with Amorindo Amicuzzi, 12.

Hector Ramirez bested Jose Lomeli, 10. Melvin Bourne won from Claudio Martinez, 10. Manuel Jimenez defeated Lalo Camarena, 10. Hilario Morales stopped Luis Gutierrez, 5.

Al Urbina kayoed Luis Buendia, 9, and Humberto Vilchis, 3. Gabriel Navarro won from Enrique Castillo, 8. Jimmy Connors stopped Georgie Stone, 2, and beat Johnny Bean, 8. Efrain Quintana stopped Tony Maya, 7. Tono Coria halted Roberto Lagunes, 4.

Bobby Gray stopped Dom Sacco, 3. Feliciano Barrientos defeated Ubaldo Lopez, 8. Chebo Vazquez stopped Yuyin Trejo, 5, and drew with Emilio Olivares, 8. Frankie Salas outpointed Joey Augustin, 10.

Juanene Garcia defeated Nacho Rosales, 8. Sergio Gomez whipped Luis Trejo, 10. Luis beat Cachorro Meza, 10. Leroy Jeffery kayoed George Reid, 3. Roberto Murillo whipped Basilio Williams, 6.

Marcelino Gomez halted Toro Padilla, 7. Tito Marshall edged out Vicente Worrell, 6. Danny Valdez beat Manny Elias, 6. Manny then beat Ramon Rodriguez, 6. Valentin Brown kayoed Luis Alberto Arispe, 1 and Mario Rivas, 1. Kid Chick beat Ray Costillo, 6.

Marcel Gendren halted Rocky Martel, 3. Chilo Barranco stopped Aurelio Mora, 4. Luis Sanchez bested Daniel Olivares, 6. Flashy Panio kayoed Oscar Guban, 7.

Oscar Reyes kayoed Ernie Masangkay, 5. Johnny Shaw kayoed Ruben Gonzalez, 7. Milton Ferguson kayoed Jimmy Cooper, 1. Jimmy Kelly won from Johnny Johnikin, 8.

Baby Rodriguez stopped Chichi Sanchez, 5. George Reiter kayoed Jimmy Fisher, 2, and Reed McNeil, 1. Joey Mazon halted Manny Jinson, 4. Rocky Fortunette kayoed Charlie Jacobs, 2. Tano Serna whipped Joe Garza, 10. Al Tisi outscored George Seabrooke, 6.

Willi Quatuor won vacant German title by outpointing Alfred Schweer, 12. Roy Jacobs decisioned Dave Croll, 8. Giordano Campari defeated Bobby Bell, 10. Rufino Ridella upset Shigeji Kaneko,10.

Chu Chu Uribe upset Kenny Morris, 6. Valentin Brown kayoed German Aguilera,1.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Manuel Armenteros and Danny Kid drew, 10.

Billy Peacock outscored Ross Padilla, 12, and halted Panchito Gonzalez, 4.

Joe Becerra kayoed Jorge Herrera, 4. Juan Cardenas defeated Robert Tartari, 10.

Edwin Sykes won the vacant Panama crown by kayoing Toto Ibarra, 13. Fifi Nava halted Oscar Torres, 5.

Boots Monroe won from Kid Irapuato, 10. Eduardo Guerrero lost to flyweight Joe Medel, 10. Roberto Castro drew with Jose Casas, 10. Mitsuharu Ikeda outpointed Lee Myong Keun, 10.

Felix Gutierrez outpointed Byron Cumberbatch, 10. Ernesto Miranda kayoed Raul Jaime, 3. Eloy Sanchez decisioned Ray Ruiz, 10.

Cris Miranda drew with Bert Gonzalez, 10. Luis Gutierrez was stopped by featherweight Hilario Morales, 5. Rudy Corona kayoed Nicho Gonzalez, 5. Herman Marques stopped Willie Parker, 8.

Chiquis Rosales halted Chocolate Barrera, 9. Joe Gonzales stopped Ramon Young, 9. Raul Leanos was stopped by featherweight Ricardo Manzanillo, 4. Ray Martinez bested Juanito Mendoza, 10, kayoed Papelero Campos, 5. Marcelo Montoya won from Fernando Gomez, 10, and stopped Baby Solis, 2.

Guillermo Vega decisioned Joe Guerrero, 6. Former Golden Glove champion Al Pell made his pro debut by kayoing Young Saint, 2. Heriberto Saucedo defeated Tibico Torres, 8.

Luis Estrada stopped Ernesto Quevedo, 6. Chucho Hernandez kayoed Torito Mota, 7. Raul Olmos stopped Carlos Castilla, 3 and beat Roman Rodriguez, 8. Vicente Hernandez won from Emilio Santillan, 6.

Eddie Saint kayoed Ramon Sosa, 2. Hector Aceves stopped Tony Alvarez, 6. Small Genio beat Johnny Madrid, 6. Calvin Leigh beat Dado Marino Jr., 6. Martin Varela stopped Baby Loza, 3.

FLYWEIGHTS

British Empire champion Dennis Adams retained his title by stopping Warner Batchelor, 2.

Memo Diez kayoed Eddie Luna, 5.

Joe Medel defeated bantamweight Eduardo Guerrero, 10.

Hitoshi Misako beat Katsuichi Asami, 8. Goyo Flores defeated Chiquilin Torres, 10. Antonio Gomez kayoed Romero Luque, 8, but lost to Ricardo Valdez, 10.

Ray Ruiz lost to bantamweight Eloy Sanchez, 10. Ignacio Torres upset bantamweight Jose Galvan, 10. Carlos Miranda kayoed Pablo Sosa, 3 (twice) and beat Conrado Moreyra, 10.

Alex Jimenez stopped Nando Carbajal, 7. Abe Villa stopped Ray Pacheco, 4. Javier Garfias stopped Reynaldo Tavio, 4.

Manuel Santamaria stopped Miguel Ulloa, 3. Small Dave beat Teo Castaneda, 8. Berting Alvarez kayoed Romy Sisson, 1. Viva Zapata drew with Gil Cueta, 8.

Billy Peacock defeated Gaetano Annaloro, 10. Johnny Sarduy beat Orlando Rodriguez, 8. Lucio Flores defeated Monchi Lopez, 6.

Ray Ming Chan whipped Kiyoshi Miura, 10. Hiram Bacallao stopped Kiki Casanovas, 5. Edwin Sykes outpointed Felix Gutierrez, 10.

Manny Jinson, 4. Rocky Fontnette kayoed

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

MANUEL ARMENTEROS, 118, FROM CUBA AND WORLD NUMBER SIX IN THE bantamweight division, was given a poor decision against Danny Kid, 117, of the Philippines in 10 round main event of promoter Mamerto Besa at the Rizal Open Arena. The decision was received with booing of the crowd. Armenteros should have won due to his effective punches. Referee Joseph voted in favor of the Cuban, judge Hernandez was for Danny and Judge Quizon was for a draw, which sealed the decision. Danny was down in the third but got to his feet before the count started.

Mayor Arsenio Laocson of Manila and Commissioner Nieto took the verdict with a smirk and both legt the stadium grunting.

Javellana Kid, 135, kayoed Terry Rebolado, 131, in the 7th round. It was a one-sided battle with Javellana on the top of Terry from the first to the fatal seventh. In the seventh, Javellana caught Rebolado with two rights to the stomach downing him but the referee did not bother to count but raised the hand of Javellana.

Gil Flores, 126 decisioned Army Wonder Boy, 124, in 10 rounds. Dio Cagulada, 128, drew with Larry Fernandez, 128, in 8. Angel Boy, 118, halted Chung Yoon Jyon, 118, of Korea in 5. Berting Alvarez, 114 kayoed Romy Sison, 116 in the very 1st round. Roberto Cruz, 120, and Tiger Willie, 120 found in even terms. Johnny Jamito, 117, won over Young Cezar, 121, in 4. Kid Pio Tatel, 112, bested Ernesto Villalon, 112, in 4 round curtain raiser.

▶ Flashy Panio, 127, kayoed Oscar Guban, 127, in the 7th round in Mandaluyong, Rizal. Small Dave, 113, defeated Teo Castaneda, 117, in 8. Baby Demilliones, 110, halted Nestor Checa, 110, in 7. Abe Mendoza, 117 decisioned Nestor Angel, 114, in 6. Jim Posadas, 121, kayoed Hallow Block Boy, 121, in 3.

▶ Small Genio, 121, decisioned Johnny Madrid, 120, in 6 rounds in Urdaneta, Pangasinan. Bac Mar, 108, defeated Rush Cabling, 106, in 6. Fighting Johnny, 120 outpointed Tony Gonzales, 113, in 4. Smart Francing, 115, kayoed Naric Boy, 108. in 1.

▶ Oscar Reyes, 126, knocked out Ernie Masangkay, 125 in the 5th round of a scheduled 8 round bout in Binangonan, Rizal, Kid Johnson, 123, defeated Moring Macalinao, 127, in 8. Jose Pino, 113 halted Andy Sacramento, 116 in 3. Hallow Block Boy, 123, drew with Fighting Albert, 125, in 5.

▶ Bob Burdett, 133, won over Terry Blanker, 131, in 10 rounds in Calawag, Quezon province. Pio Tatel, 112, drew with Kid Romer, 110, in 6. Kid Amante, 120, drew with Young Nardo, 119, in 4. Young Rooger, 112, kayoed Small Bonifacio, 112, in 2.

RECORD BOOK ADDITION
1957 RECORD OF JOE ERSKINE

Feb. 19—Nino Valdes, London...KO By 1
May 28—Peter Bates, Doncaster....W 12
Sept. 17—Henry Cooper, London....W 15
(British heavyweight title)
Nov. 25—Joe Bygraves, Leicester....W 15
(British Empire heavyweight title)

BOXING IN ARGENTINA
By Simon Bronenberg And Alfredo Porzio

BUENOS AIRES.—IN A TOUGH LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHT IN THE "BABILOBIA" ring, Gumersindo Rajoy kayoed Carlos Quintana in the eighth round.

▶ BUENOS AIRES.—In the Luna Park ring, the Argentina and South American bantam champion Roberto Castro drew with Jose E. Casas in an intensely disputed 10 rounder.

▶ CORDOBA.—In the welterweight division, Ramon Juarez won on points in 10 rounds from Victor Cejas, and the undefeated feather, Nildo Peralta won in 10 from Humberto Novoa.

▶ MORON.—In the middle division, Marceiino Dominguez kayoed Dardo Esquivel in the fourth.

▶ LA PLATA.—Carlos Miranda, flyweight star, kayoed Pablo Sosa in three; Francisco Ciucci a hard punching welter, kayoed Juan Carlos Navarro in one, and heavy Francisco Negrone lost on a K.O. in the 5th to Mario Perez.

▶ SAN MARTIN.—The undefeated welterweihgt, Ricardo Falech, kayoed Alberto Rodriguez in five.

▶ BUENOS AIRES.—In the Babilonia Stadium, Juan Carlos Navarro, middleweight, kayoed Juan C. Zalazar in 3 in a spectacular bout, and in the fly division, Antonio Gomez lost the decision in 10 to Ricardo Valdez.

▶ ROSARIO.—The undefeated lightheavyweight, Nelson Poccione, won by a T.K.O. over Oscar Montes in 4.

IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

TERRY LEWIS, SIOUX CITY'S HEAVYWEIGHT COMER MADE IT eight straight wins when he won a six round decision over Benny Mason at Minneapolis last month. Up to the Mason fight, the Sioux Cityan had a record of 7 knockouts.

▶ P. L. (Pinkie) George, veteran Iowa boxing and wrestling promoter signed Alex Karras, State University of Iowa all-America tackle to a professional wrestling contract for six months of each year. The other six months Karras will devote to professional football. "I've guaranteed Karras around $25,000 a year providing he measures up to the qualifications as a headline wrestler,' said George.

▶ Seven amateur fighters from South Sioux City won titles in the Norfolk, Nebr., Golden Gloves tournament.

The Gill brothers from Jackson won impressive victories in the finals. Neither boy had to go the limit.

The South Sioux team champions were:
112—Mike Coughlin, Sioux City who was the only entry in the division.
126—Mike Gill of Jackson.
135—Dave Gill of Jackson.
147—Lou Costello of South Sioux.
160—Keith Steffen of Crofton.
175—Roger Pofah of Ewing.
Heavyweight—Orville Reeves of Coleridge.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Les Huffman

THE TOLEDO, OHIO BOXING COMMISSION HAS PASSED a resolution to compel prospective promoters to deposit a bond to cover all expenses for future fight cards in Toledo.

Henry J. (Hank) Rigney, former Toledo sports promoter, died in Sayre, Okla., of injuries suffered in an auto accident on U.S. Highway 66, near the Texas-Oklahoma border.

Lieutenant Howard Tripp, one of Toledo's finest and a promoter of all kinds of amateur shows, was given the outstanding sports contributors plaque at a recent meeting of Toledo businessmen. Tripp, who manages the Toledo Police Gymnasium, has been training fighters, both pro and amateurs, for the past twenty years.

NEWS FROM TORONTO
By R. W. Whitton

CUBA'S JULIO MEDEROS WALKED INTO A HARD RIGHT AND A looping left hook during the second round of his fight with George Chuvalo last month and for a few seconds it looked as though the bout would be over. However, Mederos staggered to his feet, got nailed with a short right, and went down heavily once more. The bell sounded as Referee Jim Braddock reached a four count.

Good corner work got the Cuban out there for the third and for the remainder of the bout he boxed the local favorite very carefully to last out the 10 but lost a unanimous decision. Chuvalo, 20, now has nine wins in 11 fights, his two losses being to Bob Baker and Howard King. Both were by decision.

At 208 pounds, Chuvalo resembles a giant-sized Marciano in size; he's fast, strong and hits about like you'd expect a giant-sized Marciano to hit. Mederos weighed 202.

IN SONORA, MEXICO
By E. Campillo G.

IN NAVAJO, SONORA, MEXICO, JOE GONZALES, PACIFIC COAST of Mexico bantam champion, stopped Ramon "Chinito" Young in the ninth round. Young was dropped to the canvas several times before being halted. He is the former bantam king whom Macias once knocked out in the second round.

Hector de Vega knocked out Lucio Alvares, in the seventh round of the semi-windup.

NEW MEXICO RING NEWS
By Bill Coleman

PROMOTER ADOLPH (DUTCH) GIRON HELD HIS FIRST BOXING SHOW IN the classic little town of Central, N. M. at the famed Brown Derby, and it was a resounding success. Matchmaker Mike Tarazon had a very attractive card with sensational lightweight Henry Gutierrez, Deming, N. M. co-featured with Mexico's former national amateur champion, Eddie Saint, 116, in eights.

Henry stopped Leon Lopez, 135, of Mexico City, in two, and Eddie stopped Ramon Sosa, 118, Monterrey, Mexico in two. In four rounders, Armando Cervantes, 118, Baja, Calif., Mexico decisioned Emilio Medina, 117, Juarez; Blas Sosa, 118, Baja, Calif., Mexico decisioned Cosme Rodriquez, 117, Mexico City; and Samuel Gonzales, 133, Juarez, decisioned Sal Feirro, 132, Mexico City.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Ferin

A LARGE CROWD TURNED OUT AT TUCSON SPORTS CENTER to see cocky Art Aragon, 154, play a waiting game for five rounds, then drop Joey Abasta, 146, Los Angeles with a left hook to gain a 6th round TKO. A near capacity crowd watched colorful Art, on his come-back return. Veteran referee Joe Vosdick called a halt as Aragon was hammering away.

In the prelims, Gregg Carrejo, 145, El Paso and Rudy Sandoval, 150, Los Angeles, drew in six; Rudy Smith, 160, Phoenix scored a split decision over Chuck McGarrity, 156, Clifton, in four; and Kit Montijo, 160, Tucson lost to Angel Lopez, 158, Los Angeles in four.

▶ **PROMOTERS MIKE QUIHUIS** and Nick Alvarez came back with another top attraction with Irish Jimmy Lassiter, 142, Los Angeles and Ray Terrazas, 142, fighting to a 10-round draw. It was a crowd pleaser all the way. Danny Valdez, 125, Los Angeles decisioned Manuel Elias, 124, Phoenix in six; Nathan Ish, 162, Phoenix took a decision over Ray Lopez, 160, Los Angeles in four; and Joe Urrea, 162, Tucson and Rudy Smith, 160, Phoenix drew in four.

▶ **IN THE PHOENIX RING, Alfredo Zuany, 194, El Paso,** smashed a cracking right cross off Lajuin Burks' jaw and scored a KO in 31 seconds of the period. Burks from Austin, Tex. weighed 202. Johnny Carroll 184, Phoenix scored a first-round knockout over Teddy Sorrels, 176, Los Angeles in the semifinal. In a scheduled six, Bobby Ortiz, 145 of Avondale, knocked out Milton Jones, 150, Phoenix in 2:24 of the fourth and in another six Manuel Elias 125, decisioned Ramon Rodriquez, 125, of Juarez.

▶ **THE MAGIC DRAWING POWER** of Zora Folley, Ring magazine's No. 2 ranking heavyweight, had to compete with rain at Phoenix, but it didn't daunt a fair sized crowd who came to see Zora work 12-rounds with three sparring partners. The exhibition with headguard and 16 ounce gloves was in preparation for his coming match with Eddie Machen. Folley went four each with Harvey Taylor, Howard King, and Monroe Ratliff, all good heavyweights, and drew admiring remarks from each.

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

As we've had occasion to observe more than once in these columns, nothing in this restless world springs more eternal than the optimism of the fight crowd. Regardless of how dismal the present may be, there's always the promise of a brighter, cheerful tomorrow.

This is one time when it is to be fervently hoped the optimism isn't misplaced.

As this is being written, two local arenas—the Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn and Sunnyside Garden in Long Island City—are getting back into circulation as boxing centers. Undaunted by past failures in this changing TV era, they have mustered new loads of confidence for their latest ventures.

The clubs plan to operate in alternate weeks, Sunnyside running every other Thursday and the Parkway every second Saturday.

Realizing their financial limitations, they will not bid for the services of "name" fighters but, instead, will concentrate on trying to develop neighborhood youngsters with personal followings. Bouts for the most part will be six- and four-rounders.

Although the Commission's rules distinctly state that a matchmaker cannot function at more than one club at a time, an exception may be made in permitting the veteran and capable Moe Fleischer, who'll operate officially at the Parkway, to hold down an advisory post at Sunnyside.

The desperate need of "small" clubs to help replenish the steadily-waning supply of attractions for major exploitation has elicited promises of cooperation from the Commission and the managers. The Commission is arranging to reduce the wages of its officials and the managers are scaling down the "standard" pay rates for preliminary boys.

All that remains now is to arouse the public's interest sufficiently to ensure the necessary contributions to the box-office.

A ROUGH ROAD AHEAD

Frankly, it's a rugged program confronting Sunnyside and the Parkway. They'll have to cultivate their own talent as they go along. They have very little with which to start. Kids aren't going in for professional boxing careers these days. There are too many other, and easier, ways of making a living.

When a youngster does start out in this sock market, he is quickly disillusioned and discouraged. In recent years, with Madison Square Garden operating on an occasional basis, only one club, the St. Nicholas Arena, has been promoting on a regular weekly schedule, and the average lad is lucky to get a preliminary fight there once a month. He cannot learn and improve with that sort of scattered experience. Then, too, his pay ranges from $50 to $150 per bout, and he certainly cannot live on what's left after expenses are deducted—not when he may have to wait another month or six weeks until he fights again. What visions he may have entertained in the beginning of becoming another Floyd Patterson or Ray Robinson or Carmen Basilio are quickly dissipated. He usually quits in disgust and grabs himself a job with a steady weekly income. If he still retains any ring ambitions, he may hold down a daytime job and train in the evening for the occasional bout that comes along. In fact, most of the preliminary kids are doing just that.

There may be more encouragement for the youngsters if Sunnyside and Eastern Parkway fare well enough in their latest ventures to continue operating on fairly steady schedules. With three clubs, instead of one, there should be more fights for them, and more fights mean more earnings and better opportunities for development.

LOCAL TALENT NECESSARY

The lugubrious dearth of ring talent is not confined to the New York area. It is practically nation-wide. About the only states in the Union that can advertise "Business As Usual" are California and Texas. Other once-lively fight centers have either been snuffed entirely out of existence or operate on now-and-then schedules, as and when certain attractive matches become available.

A community must have popular local favorites to maintain the interest of the fans, and it's a discouraging task developing those attractions if no clubs are functioning.

Staging fights is a precarious venture these days, and few promoters are willing to gamble with the odds so heavily against them. They need hometown favorites, but won't go to the bother of trying to develop them. In this respect Sam Silverman of Boston and Indigo Lucchesi of Tacoma and Seattle are rarities. They produce their own attractions in "new talent" shows.

It was Silverman and his busy Toonerville circuit that came up with such recent Boston headliners as Tommy Collins and Tony DeMarco. For years Sad Sam has plugged along, week after week, with shows in various New England towns, and every now and then he comes up with some new box-office asset for more important promotions in Boston.

Lucchesi, a cafe owner in Tacoma, is a comparative newcomer in boxing (he began promoting in 1951), but he's an energetic sort, loaded with hustle and bustle, and he's been making fine progress in the Northwest. At present the only major drawing card in the entire state of Washington is heavyweight Pat McMurtry, but Lucchesi, who has promoted most of Irish Pat's bouts, is staging frequent "new talent" cards and already a few likely-looking prospects have begun to attract attention as possible future headliners.

AROUND THE RING

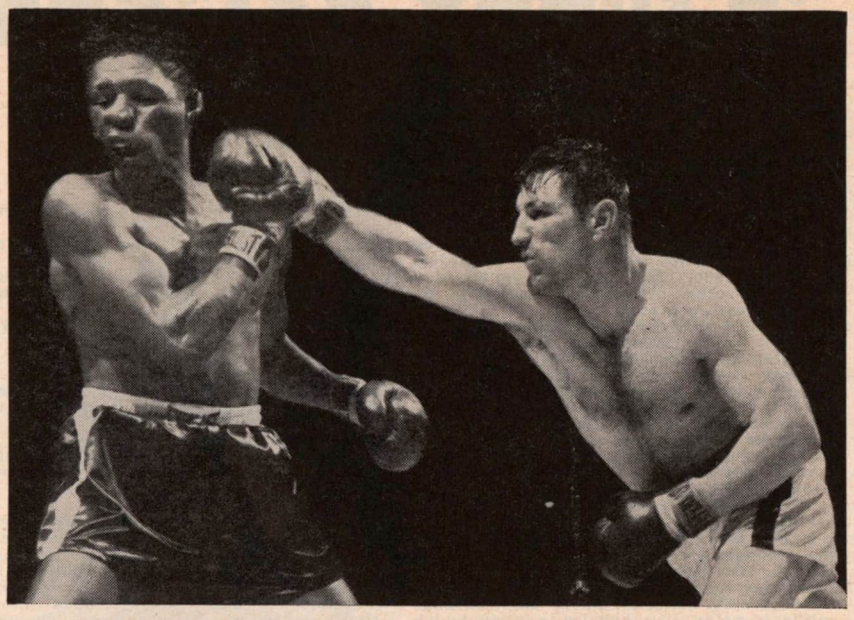
It seems we were a bit premature last month when we said Terry Spinks, flashy London flyweight, would decline the

British Boxing Writers' award for the "Best Young Boxer of 1957." . . . Spinks' trainer, Snowy Buckingham, was quoted as saying the annual citation had "jinxed" previous winners in their future operations and he was afraid of what might happen to Terry if he were picked this time. . . . It so happened, however, that no other "freshman" in Britain came up with a record to match Spinks' and Terry decided not to embarrass the scribes by refusing the citation when it was offered to him. . . . In his first complete year of pro campaigning, the 1956 Olympic champion has run off a string of twelve straight wins.

Following his gory brawl with Tony DeCola at St. Nick's, Frankie Ryff was hustled along to the New Rochelle Hospital to have Dr. Charles E. Newman handle the patchwork on his gashed eyebrows. Fourteen stitches—ten over the right eye and four over the left—were required. The following day these lines appeared in one of the New York sports columns: "Dr. Newman, a plastic surgeon who operated on Ryff for the removal of scar tissue last June, was very optimistic concerning Frankie's fistic future. 'These were all new cuts,' the doctor said, 'and none of the old ones opened up.'" That's OPTIMISM?

En route back from Europe, Jack Warner, chief scout for Australia's fight clubs, stopped off in New York for a few days, looking over possible talent for shipment Down Under.

A recent obituary item from Cleveland reported the passing of Tommy Gavagan (Gavigan), prominent middleweight of the pre-World War I era. Tommy, who began his career as a feather, and fought in every division up to middle, numbered among his opponents the likes of George Chip, Leo Houck, George (K.O.) Brown, Jack Denning, Howard Morrow, Jerry Cole and other topliners of those days. He also claimed to have boxed a draw with Gene Tunney in France when both were members of A.E.F. boxing teams.



It was sweet revenge for Canadian and British Empire light-heavyweight champion Yvon Durelle (right) who wiped out only 1957 defeat by battering Clarence Hinnant into sixth-round kayo in Madison Square Garden.

THE month's results:

Too durable and experienced for his substitute opponent, Harold Gomes, 131¼, Providence, knocked out Harold Smith, 133¼, Washington, at 0:39 of the seventh at St. Nicholas Arena. Smith, filling in for ailing Gil Cadilli, gave a fine account of himself for five rounds but couldn't hold off the determined Gomes, who gradually slowed him down with lusty clouts to the head and body. Smith was in trouble late in the sixth when a right to the chin sent him sprawling. The Washingtonian was on his knees when the bell rang at the count of six. He was still unsteady when the seventh began and Gomes lost no time finishing matters. Another right to the jaw sent Smith collapsing for the full count. He was completely out and it was several minutes before Drs. Alex Schiff and Sam Swetnick, club physicians, were able to revive him. The main event was in keeping with the rest of the card which scattered knockdowns and knockouts all over the premises. (Totals for the program were 13 knockdowns and 5 knockouts.) In the semi-final, scheduled for six, Larry Zernick, 195, Springfield, Mass., twice dropped Bob Harris, 183, Brooklyn, in winning at 2:03 of the third. In another scheduled six, Curtis Bruce, 165, Newark, had Rudy Williams, 173, West Side, on the canvas five time before finishing him at 2:12 of the fifth. Two fours produced quick one-round endings, George Quinones, 129¼, Bronx, scoring three knockdowns in stopping Ernest Maldonado, 129, Puerto Rico, at 2:21, and Roland Kellem, 131, Harlem, registered a real surprise by stiffening highly-touted Louis Eggleston, 128½, Detroit, at 2:26. The only bout to go its full distance without a knockdown was a four in which Sid Lugo, 134½, Brooklyn, outpointed Pat O'Brien, 141, West Side.

▶Two hands proved more effective than one as Jimmy Archer, 148½, Bronx, hustled and bustled his way to a split decision over Danny Russo, 159¼, Brooklyn, in a fast-moving ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Russo was the better boxer of the two and scored well with left jabs and hooks, but he didn't have Archer's durability. The Bronxite piled in relentlessly, slamming away with both hands to the head and body. It was a gruelling affair between two of the better young developments hereabouts. The officials came up with a 2-1 vote in favor of Archer, giving Jimmy a record of 16 wins in 18 pro starts, against Russo's 13-4 score in 17 outings. The semi-final produced another split verdict, Johnny Gorman, 145½, West Side, edging out Julius Rhodes, 142, transplanted Philadelphian now operating out of Harlem. In another six, Al Avant, 156, Philadelphia, outpointed a Pennsylvania rival, Wes Lowery, 152, Allentown. In fours, Tony Santana, 131, Brooklyn, punched out a decision over Jackie Kelly, 127, West Side, and Billy Elboam, 138½, Brooklyn, accounted for the only knockout of the night by stopping Gil Padro, 141, Puerto Rico, at 2:31 of the first.

▶Revenge was sweet indeed for Yvon Durelle, 175½, Baie Ste. Anne, N. B., as he battered Clarence Hinnant, 171, Washington, D. C., into defeat at 1:46 of the sixth in Madison Square Garden. The last defeat Durelle had suffered was early in 1957 when Hinnant stopped him in Miami Beach. The Canadian had gone on from there to post 11 wins and one draw in 12 starts. When Tony Anthony, with whom Durelle had fought the draw in Detroit, was unable, because of illness, to meet Yvon in the Garden, Hinnant was rushed in as a replacement. Durelle was ready for him. Setting a rugged pace from the start, the awkward but durable Canadian gradually wore his opponent down. Hinnant fought stubbornly, but couldn't hold off his determined rival. Staggered several times, Clarence was a weary young man at the end of the fifth, and Durelle lost no time pressing his advantage in the sixth. Midway through the round, Hinnant was reeling unsteadily against the ropes, with Durelle slamming away with both hands, when Referee Harry Kessler called a halt. Rudy Sawyer, 149¾, Harlem, decisioned Calvin Davis, 153, Long Island City, in the semi-final ten. In sixes, Juan Pomare, 165, Puerto Rico, outpointed Richie Hill, 162¾, Bronx, and Dave Rent, 186, England, pushed over inept Don Tatro, 183½, Patterson, N. J., at 2:04 of the first. In fours, Cecil Barbosa, 132½, Bronx, won from a borough rival, Jimmy Sanchez, 131½, and Joey Versace, 143¼, Poughkeepsie, whipped Paul Berrios, 148¾, P. R.

▶That old bugaboo, eye cuts, caught up to Frankie Ryff again as the shifty Bronxite, 140, won a hard-fought decision from heavier Tony DeCola, 147½, Brooklyn, in a gory ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Both boys were bloody messes at the finish, but Ryff was much the worse of the two. Gashes around Frankie's eyes necessitated a total of 14 stitches. Fortunately for him, most of the damage was inflicted late in the bout and by then the Bronxite had the decision safely packed away. Using his speed and an effective left hook, Ryff had all the better of the early milling, and at the halfway mark DeCola's right eye was practically closed. Johnny Gorman, 146, West Side, was a winner over Willie Davis, 150, Philadelphia, in the semi-final six. In fours, George Warren, 170½, Harlem, grabbed the verdict from Al Smith, 175, White Plains; John Henry, 189¼, Harlem, fought to a draw with Solomon McTier, 205, Bronx, and Tito Galvan, 141, Brooklyn, was credited with scoring the only knockout on the card by stopping Jay Roach, 139, Long Island City, at 1:07 of the third.

▶Although he lost the decision, Tex Gonzales, 155, East Orange, N. J., gave a surprisingly good account of himself against heavily favored Mickey Crawford, 152, Saginaw, Mich., in a spirited ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Crawford, who had previously beaten Chico Vejar at the St. Nick, was a 2-1 favorite at ringtime, but he had to battle all the way to finish in front of the busy Jerseyan. It was Gonzales' second bout in nearly two years, and at times he appeared slow and not too sure of himself, but he forced the action most of the way, scored heavily with body punches and made the shifty, fast-hitting Crawford step his liveliest to edge out the decision. Curtis (Honeyboy) Bruce, 164, Newark, N. J., survived some rough early going to sneak out a split decision over Freddie Mack, 168, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. Al Tisi, 131, East Side, was a winner over George (Baby BeauJack) Seabrooke, 131, Bronx, in another six. Jimmy Landron, 155, Puerto Rico, outpointed Hiram Vale, 156, Brooklyn, in 4.

AFTER THE BELL. . . . Charley Johnston, manager of Archie Moore, and Jim Farley, Jr., member of the State Athletic Commission, are both up and about again after brief visits to St. Clare's Hospital.

The Empire State Boxing Managers, of which Jimmy O'Connor is president, will hold an "open forum" in the Sun Room of the Edison Hotel on Tuesday evening, May 6. Everybody interested in the welfare of boxing is invited to attend. Suggestions for the general improvement of conditions in the current sock market will be welcomed.

The latest fistic visitor from Europe is Lahouari Godih, 29-year-old Algerian holder of the French lightweight title. Unbeaten in four years, with a string of 19 wins, Godih boasts an impressive overall record of 45-3-2 since he began operations in 1950. The Algerian must be a slick bit of ring machinery. He is one challenger European Champion Duilio Loi hasn't been too keen to meet.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

DAVEY MOORE, 128½, MADE AN IMPRESSIVE CALIFORNIA DEBUT AT the Olympic Auditorium by knocking out the Mexican featherweight champion, Victor Quijano, 128, in the 9th round of a one-sided scrap. About 5100 fans were on hand. Gross gate, $8,019.

It was a big night for Moore and his manager, Willie Ketchum. There was talk of matching Moore with Cherif Hamia.

Moore almost ended the fight in the 6th, when he nailed Quijano with a left-hook followed by a right cross, and drove him into the ropes. By a miracle, Quijano managed to finish the round.

Like Floyd Patterson, Moore was a member of the 1952 Olympic Games squad in Finland. And he certainly seems to be within sniffing distance of a match with champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey.

It was Moore's 13th knockout; and it was the second time in Quijano's 84 pro fights that he failed to last the distance. Once before he was stopped by a cut eye.

No question about it: Davey has won himself a home in Los Angeles, a town which has plenty of featherweight opposition.

Willie Parker, 118½, scored something of an upset in the six-round semi by defeating Abe Villa, 114, in a sizzler. The fours: Benny Medina, 141½, dec. Ray Walk, 140½; Ernie Bell, 160, TKO (4) over Curt Jamison, 163.

▶Although Tucson is not in California, and Nat Fleischer may admonish me to stay in my own back yard, my well-known fellow-townsman, Arthur Anthony Aragon, erstwhile Golden Boy, scored a 6th round TKO over Joey Abasta, also an Angeleno, in that fast-growing Arizona city. Aragon, 154, Abasta, 146.

A near-capacity crowd of 2500 saw the bout. It was Art's second scrap since his license was issued by the State Athletic Commission, following the Appellate Court reversal of the 1 to 5 year sentence imposed on him last year on the charge of fixing a fight.

In his first scrap, he whipped Woody Winslow in San Diego before a near-capacity crowd of 3400. That was in December.

Evidently the Golden Boy has not lost his box-office appeal.

▶Billy Peacock, once again in The Ring's "top ten" banties, was honored by the Southern California Boxing Writers' Association. His fight with Frankie Campos at Hollywood Legion Stadium, for the state 118-lb. title, was named Fight of the Month. In addition, Peacock himself was named Fighter of the Month.

Billy has now won five in a row, four by knockout.

▶Though he visited the canvas four times in his first U. S. battle, Jackie Trillana of the Philippines won the decision over veteran Frankie Salas in their ten rounder at the Civic Auditorium in Stockton. Three of the canvas journeys were recorded as "slips"—the only real knockdown being for a three count in the fourth. Weights: Trillana, 123½; Salas, 125.

Promoter Willie Hunefeld's newest importation outboxed Salas most of the way.

The program drew 1100 plus, with gross receipts $1837. Point consensus for Trillana, 98-94. Johnny Reno refereed.

Salas, of Tucson, Ariz., had his best round in the fourth, when he flooded Trillana with an uppercut to the jaw.

In a scheduled six, Cleo Frazier, 162, Stockton, kayoed Al Jackson, 168, Reno, in the second. In another six rounder, Joe Neal, 166, Stockton, decisioned Dave McDowell, 166, Sacramento.

Deacon Bryant, 145, TKO'd Larry Chavez, 139, in 2.

▶Once an Angeleno, now a San Franciscan—but still a Californian—Gil Cadilli, 131, scored the unanimous 10-round verdict over Jimmy Moser, 131, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Moser substituted for Alfredo Escobar, who withdrew because of "assorted miseries."

About 2700 fans paid a gross of $3,540 to see the scrap.

Cadilli was penalized one point for a blow below the Mason-Dixon line in the 7th round. The ballots: Referee John Thomas, 96-94; Judge Frankie Van, 97-92; Judge Jimmy Wilson, 97-94.

Actually, Moser was substituting for a substitute: when Escobar pulled out, Lauro Salas was substituted, but Lauro was unable to go through because he had a previous commitment at the Olympic.

Considering the short notice, Moser made a good showing.

The semi, scheduled for six, ended in Round 4 when Gene Gresham, 135, knocked out Nat Simon, 137. The fours: Jorge Vasquez, 150, dec. Larry Mercer, 149; Joe White, 149, dec. Richie McLane, 150, and Dick Wilburn, 179, dec. Roy Smith, 188.

▶One of the weirdest shows in its history was staged at the Olympic Auditorium when Alvaro Gutierrez, Mexico, 144½, was awarded a 6th round TKO over L. C. Morgan, Youngstown, 140. This was one of the two tens that topped the card; in the other, Ernesto Parra, Mexico, 128, scored a split decision over Lauro Salas, 128½.

The Parra-Salas fight was rated the top bout, and was chiefly responsible for the $6,700 house. But it was the Gutierrez-Morgan brawl which got the headlines next morning. That was a wild melee. One of the customers, a huge fellow, leaped into the ring, picked up Referee John Thomas, a former lightweight, and smashed him to the floor. Pandemonium reigned. As far as the fight had gone, Morgan was well ahead on points. When the rematch comes—it has to come—there will be a big turnout.

Scoring of the Parra-Salas bout: Referee Charley Randolph, Parra, 97-92; Judge John Thomas, Salas, 96-95; Judge Frank Holborow, Parra, 99-93. Some of the ringsiders suffered minor injuries when the fans threw things into the ring—including whiskey bottles.

Two four rounders: Bob Paxish, 173½, dec. Dick Wilburn, 173½ and Easie Williams, 160, dec. Jim Ahmed, 159.

▶There was some criticism in one of the local papers about Nat Fleischer's RING ratings, February issue: because Billy Peacock was ranked No. 14, and Pajarito Moreno in No. 13 spot. I phoned the gents and pointed out that Nat's ratings clearly stated they were "based on performances from Jan. 1 to Dec. 30, 1957.

In the case of Billy Peacock, for example, he has won three fights this year, 1958, two of them by knockout, and by the time this issue hits the news-stands, will probably have four or five wins to his credit. But when Nat made his evaluations, Peacock had lost five of his last seven fights in 1957, and that had to be taken into account.

Nat Fleischer doesn't mind being criticized. He realizes, better than anyone else, that it would be an absolute impossibility to issue ratings that would please everyone. Over the long years, however, none have been as consistently accurate, objective and unbiased as those authored by this long-time amigo of mine.

When the Ring's latest revised rankings were released to the press on January 31, Peacock was rated tenth.

▶Speaking of Peacock, "Sweetpea" Billy won his fourth straight at Hollywood Legion Stadium, successfully defending his California bantam title against Ross Padilla. Stockton Filipino in a 12-rounder. Both weighed in at 117½.

A crowd estimated at 4100 paid a gross of $5,862 to see Peacock rack up the unanimous decision. The ballots: Referee Lee Grossman, 117-113; Judge Reg Gillmore, 119-111; and Judge Tommy Hart, 118-110.

Peacock, himself, was disappointed because he failed to knock out Padilla, as he had his three previous opponents: Frankie Campos, 8; Casey Jones, 4; Jorge Herrera, 2. He had the Filipino rocking in several rounds, but lacked the finishing punch.

These successive victories have revived Peacock's prestige so much locally that Matchmaker George Parnassus has matched the state banty boss with Toluco Lopez, Mexico's No. 1 bantam, on the same card with Hogan (Kid) Bassey and Pajarito Moreno. They are getting $5,000 each for the 10-round semi-final.

Back to Hollywood: In the six-round semi, Danny Perez, 163¼, and Pete Gonzales, 163, battled an interesting draw. Good rematch. The fours: Angel Lopez, 153, KO (2) over Henry Williams, 153; Willie Gilbert, 161, dec. Ernie Bell, 161; and Kenny Morris, 127, dec. Joe Hernandez, 130.

▶The annual dinner of the Southern California Boxing Writers' Association was again a smashing success, with a packed house on hand at the Statler Hotel L. A. Here are the winners of awards:

Fighter of the year: Tombstone Smith.

Blake award (Californian making achieve- of year) Archie Moore.

Vinassa award: (outstanding contribution, So. Cal.) Geo. Parnassus.

Prelim boy of the year: Boots Monroe.

Prospect of year (first year main eventer) A dead heat between Alfredo Escobar and Hank Aceves.

Fight of the year: Jose Cotero-Pajarito Moreno.

Amateur of the year: Norm Letcher.

▶Cal Whorton, of the L. A. TIMES, was elected president of the So. Calif. Boxing Writers. An excellent choice. Cal captained a P. T. boat in W.W.-2, was decorated for bravery. He is still a very brave man; he sits in the Press Row at the Olympic Auditorium, where things fly when the decision fails to meet popular approval. (Like the Gutierrez-Morgan fight.)

▶Racking up his 18th victory in 21 pro starts, youthful Paulie Armstead L. A., 131, scored a decided upset at the Olympic Auditorium when he trounced Kid Anahuac, Mexico, 129, before a crowd of about 3500 which paid a gross of $5,743. The verdict was unanimous.

Referee Frankie Van saw it 96-95; Judge Dick Young, 97-94, and Judge Tommy Herman, 100-94.

Armstead came in for criticism from the crowd for holding, but it proved smart strategy in stopping Anahuac's rushes. Nor did Anahuac's switching to southpaw stymie the youngster.

In the six-round semi, Kid Rayo, 150, survived a Garrison finish by De Witt Lewis, 155, to win the split decision. The fours: Ray Pacheco, 112, drew with Manuel Sifuentes, 117; Jim Norris (did he lose his job as prexy of I.B.C.) KO (4) over Joe White, 150; and Ray Lopez, 158, dec. Jeff Jones, 157½.

▶Morton Moss of the L.A. EXAMINER thinks that Marilyn Monroe is prettier than Boots Monroe, rapidly climbing bantam who was 1957 "Prelim boy of the year". Yeah, but who did Marilyn ever lick?

Anyway, Boots Monroe, 122, rangy and talented, won the unanimous decision over Kid Irapuato, Tijuana, 120 at Hollywood Legion Stadium. It was Monroe's second main event, his 14th victory in 15 starts. He had knocked out nine in a row prior to this one.

Referee Charley Randolph voted 100-91; Judge Costello Cruz, 98-94 and Judge Russ Bradford, 100-90.

A crowd estimated at 3,000 paid a gross of $4,120.

In his debut as a main eventer, some weeks ago, Monroe scored a knockout over oddly-named German Ohm of Mexico City. Irapuato, only 18, had a good record on the border: 21 wins, 2 losses, one draw. His real name is Ramon Lopez; Irapuato is the name of his home town in Mexico. This kid is not a bum, and will be heard from again.

Eddie Jones, 151½, won the decision over Connie Citizen, 151, in the six-round semi. It was Connie's first fight since his discharge from the army; he was off on his timing. The fours: Ray Copeland, 136, KO (2) over Benny Medina, 139; Bob Parrish, 175, dec. Puggy Jones, 176½; and Andy Solis, 137, KO (3) over Augie Ordarica, 138.

▶The Univac machine is responsible for setting the date of the Hogan (Kid) Bassey-Ricardo (Pajarito) Moreno featherweight title fight, a 15-rounder, on Tuesday night, April 1, at Wrigley Field, L. A.

The date was decided by Irving P. Krick Associates, weather engineering service located in Denver. According to Univac, there is no rainfall (Krick calls it "precipitation") expected on April 1, or for a three-day period preceding that date.

Seat scale will range from $5 to $25. Matchmaker George Parnassus also announced that the winner of the Billy (Sweetpea) Peacock-Jose (Toluco) Lopez 12-round bantam elimination scrap, on the same card, will get a world title match with Alphonse Halimi of France at Wrigley Field in May or June.

According to Parnassus, the house is grossed to hit $300,000 or over. Locally, it is red-hot; should be a sellout.

▶ Billy Peacock, 120½, Los Angeles, scored a 4-round knockout over Panchito Gonzalez, 124, down in San Diego, to make it five straight wins, four of them by knockout. Gonzales was down in the third round; the bell saved him at the count of five.

A smashing right to the body spelled "finish" for the senor from across the border.

I'm having trouble with John Hall, boxing expert of the L. A. MIRROR NEWS. In writing a series analyzing title prospects and plans in each of the eight fistic divisions, John is using the N.B.A. ratings.

It is my contention, and I challenge opposition, that the Nat Fleischer ratings transcend those of the N.B.A.; are more authoritative, more highly regarded by press and public. I'm wrong? So sue me! My son is a lawyer.

▶ Calvin Brad, 167, light-heavy champ of California, made short shrift of Santiago Gutierrez, 164½, of San Antonio at the Olympic Auditorium. The bout was scheduled for ten; Gutierrez was sent to the showers in three. His left eye was closed tight; he had nose injuries, possibly a break. He took a real beating.

It was so one-sided that the customers applauded the referee, Mushy Callahan, for stopping the fight.

In the six-round semi, Willie Patterson 162, boxed a split-decision draw with Willie Gilbert, 163. The fours: Larry Maldonado, 165, KO (2) over Jim Ahmed, 165; Tony Burton, 174, dec. Richard Wilburn, 175; Napoleon Burnett, 162, TKO (2) Eli Moore, 160.

Thanks to that hefty $209,000 gate grossed by Alphonse Halimi vs Raton Macias, the Olympic Auditorium's receipts for 1957 was $492,735. That's for boxing only. Wrestling contributed $104,218 to the elderly auditorium. In 1956, boxing grossed $270,120, and wrestling $86,809.

▶ Baron Heinrich von Stumme, an old and valued friend, seems to have hit the jackpot with his newest importation, Karl Heinz Guder, who hails from Essen, Germany. By trade is a master bricklayer, a well-paid racket in the event he doesn't live up to his fine boxing notices.

Herr Karl Heinz Guder, 149, made his California debut at the Hollywood Legion Stadium and came through with flying colors by scoring an impressive 5-round knockout over favored Ramon Tiscareno, 148. Ramon was 2-1 choice.

Guder, by this feat, racked up his 26th knockout in 34 fights, a record which entitles him to plenty of respect. The German boy impressed onlookers with his coolness.

Despite inclement weather, a crowd of 3400 was on hand, and the gross gate was $4670. They won't have to worry about attendance next time Herr Karl Heinz Guder goes to the post.

The Baron also got a break in the six-round semi-final. His lightweight, Ernst Krenzek, 136, who hails from Dortmund, Germany, won a split decision over Joe Chavez, 139, Albuquerque. The fours: Bob Paris, 173, dec. Puggy Jones, 175; Manny Gallardo, 128½, dec. Joe Hernandez, 131½; and Leroy Smith, 120, dec. Bob Smith, 178.

▶ The morning's mail brought a letter from my long-time amigo, Jack Hurley, Seattle's foremost fistic citizen. He has been pinch-hitting for Tommy Walsh as advance man for Abe Saperstein's famed Harlem Globetrotters. Walsh was hurt in a bus mishap, in Grand Rapids, and has been on the sick-list for several weeks. A recent letter from Tommy states that he's well on the road to recovery. That was good news.

Hurley arrived in Los Angeles to lend a helping hand on the Globetrotter publicity, which has been my job locally for the past 17 years. He did a terriffic job; made every radio and TV station in town. And most of the sports columns as well.

▶ It is always saddening to record the death of an old friend. George Moore, age 84, died at his home in Los Angeles, a man with many friends and very few enemies. He was boxing promoter in Portland, Ore., many years ago; before that, managed the good lightweight Danny Edwards.

Best man he ever managed was Henry Armstrong; Moore became his pilot in 1942, when Henry decided upon a comeback. Other boys under Moore's management: Tommy Campbell, Reuben Smith.

George was my valued friend for the past 28 years; a soft-spoken, friendly gentleman. He was the father of Phil Moore, well-known in the musical world as a composer of song hits.

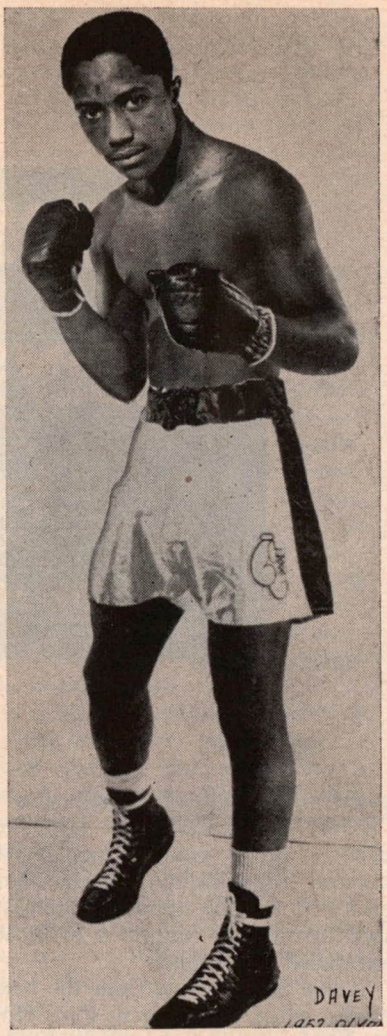
▶ Elmer Willhoite, former All-American football star at U.S.C., has decided to give the pro boxing game a whirl, and no one can criticize his choice of a pilot: none other than Suey Welch.

There have been quite a few football stars who turned to the ring. Let me quote from George T. Davis, Sports Editor of the Los Angeles HERALD EXPRESS:

"A few top-notch footballers who went into fighting, with more or less success, include Bob Pastor, N. Y. U.; Steve Hamas, Penn State; Sully Montgomery, Centre College; George Theodoratus, Washington State; Pete Rademacher, Washington State; Charley Powell, San Diego State; and the late Ed Sanders, Compton J. C., who won the Olympic crown at Helsinki in 1952."

To this I might add the names of Addison Exum Warren, known as Add Warren, three-letter man at the University of North Carolina, and Tiny Roebuck, of Haskell Institute. Jimmie Bronson and I handled their affairs in the late Twenties.

Willhoite had nine amateur fights, won them all, seven by knockout.



Davey Moore, ranking American featherweight, made an impressive California debut when he kayoed Victor Quijano in the ninth round at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles.

▶ A number of Los Angeles fight fans braved a heavy ranstorm to drive 60 miles to San Bernardino: the attraction, Art Aragon, erstwhile Golden Boy, vs Walter Tyler. It was Art's fourth "comeback" scrap: previous victims, Alex Cota, decision; Woody Winslow, San Diego, decision; Joe Abasta, Tucson, KO 6.

Not to keep you in suspense: Aragon, 154, knocked out Tyler, 155, in the 8th round of a bloody, one-sided brawl.

The heavy rains hurt attendance, beyond doubt; still, there were 2,926 fans on hand, and the gross gate of $7,027 attests to the Golden Boy's perennial popularity at the box-office.

Tyler got off to a flying start, took the first round by a nice margin. He used a sharp left jab to redden Art's shnozz, scored with a couple of hard rights. But just before the bell ended and round, Aragon nailed him with a vicious left hook to the body.

Tyler didn't fare too badly in the next two heats, either; he landed more punches than Aragon, but it was obvious that Art's wallops packed more steam than the youngster's. Anyway, in Round 5, Aragon opened up will all batteries; his left hooks had Tyler wheeling and reeling. By the end of Round 7, Tyler was splashing blood all over the joint, gushing gore freely from the shnozz.

Aragon mercifully ended hostilities in the 8th, when a left to the body and a right to the chin sent Tyler, face first, to the deck. Referee Mushy Callahan counted him out.

As far as the fight had gone, Callahan had Aragon in front by the score of 69-62; most of the L.A. newspaper boys gave Art an even greater margin.

▶ Jerry Mullany reports the following fights for this column:

Often the boxing public of the nation has to wait all year to find out the biggest fistic surprise of the season. It may be that the outstanding upset of 1958 occurred at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, when heavily favored, rock-chinned Rory Calhoun was knocked out in four rounds by clever, but supposedly much less rugged and a comparatively light hitter, Spider Webb.

This was the main surprise, but the crowd of 9332 is still talking about the many ways the form sheet was tossed around. Cagey Webb was expected to tire in the late rounds and lose the decision. But Webb was on the floor for nine in the first round, and again for nine in the second. This damage was inflicted by supposedly slow-starting Calhoun.

The 7-5 odds against Webb went to 20-1 at the end of the second. No takers were reported. Webb looked through. Even when he remained erect in the third, he took a heavy body battering from Rory.

In the fourth the Cow Palace spectators found out what makes boxing the most thrilling of all sports. They saw one mistake in the form of a momentary opening change the entire complexion of the fight.

Confident Rory wound up his left to deliver another hook. Webb let go a right that carried all his weight, and he caught his opponent coming forward. The punch hit Calhoun flush on the chin, and he was on the floor, a limp heap.

Calhoun managed to rise at nine. It looked as if Webb had an open target, but Spider did not rush matters. He circled Rory, then sent in a series of range-finding jabs. The bombshell right which followed again found Rory's chin, and when he went down Referee Jack Downey halted the fight without making a count.

Calhoun, of White Plains, N. Y., weighed 160. Webb, an Idaho State College grad, scaled 158½. The gross gate for the 9332 attendance was $50,197.50—net was $43,385.97. Promotion was by the San Francisco Boxing Club, Bennie Ford, matchmaker.

Though it was a non-televised bout, it was through TV that the San Francisco boxing followers got acquainted with the abilities of the two out-of-towners and accounted for the good gate.

Before the fight Calhoun was No. 4 in the RING middleweight rankings—Webb was No. 6—now the positions are reversed.

The prelims included two six rounders. Rocky Fumerelle, 158, S.F., decisioned Johnny Milton, 150, of Oakland. Henry Berrera, 131, S.F., knocked out Andy Carmona, 132, Fresno, in the third.

The fours: Ritchie Matsamura, 130, dec. Max Telles, 131; Billy Thomas, 128, TKO'd Al Carroll, 129, in 4.

▶ Whether Oakland's clever Johnny Gonsalvez, 140, is as good as he was five years ago, is a sharply debatable point. Johnny was fast, sharp-punching and extra-aggressive in his second fight with Kenny Lane, of Muskegon, Mich., 139, but the lightweight contender was good enough to outscore Johnny for a ten round decision. They fought at the Auditorium in Oakland.

Battle statistics: Gross receipts, $8,656; attendance, 4,500. Promoter Jimmy Dundee. Score consensus for Lane, 97-94. Referee, Fred Apostoli. A sizeable portion of the receipts went to Father Phillip's Sunshine Club for Boys.

Results of prelims: Vic Cardo, 136, TKO'd Stanford Christy, 138, in 1; Dom Sacco, 136, dec. Chico Arroyo, 138, in 6; Herman Henry, 186, KO'd Vic Tanner, 183, in 2; Tommy Domingues, 146, stopped Billy O'Neal, 151, in 2.

▶ It was Joey Lopes' first fight since being knocked out by Champion Joe Brown, and some observers wondered if this major setback would hurt his drawing power in hometown Sacramento. The answer came when a close to capacity audience paid $9,870 to see Lopes outpoint ex-champion Jimmy Carter in a fast ten-rounder.

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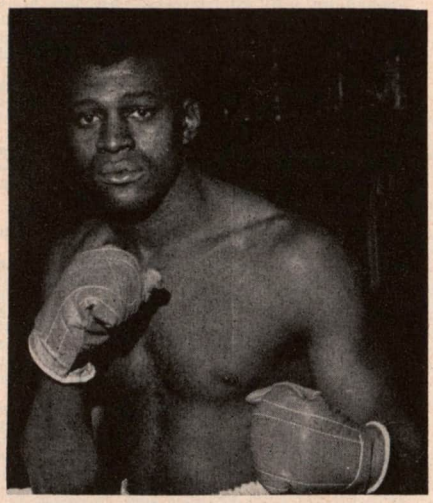


Bill Tisdale, assistant boxing coach at CCA, demonstrates his ring know-how for members of the team. Last year CCA copped the 3d Armd Div boxing crown in Germany.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

by JOE SMITH

PIO men Pfc Donald Brawner and Richard Meyer . . . send in a special report to the writer on two of their outstanding coaches and two of their outstanding boxers. All are members of Headquarters, Combat Command "A" 3d Armored Division (Spearhead).

A NOBLE FIGHTER

Kirch-Goens: In a day when there's an overwhelming tendency for amateur boxers to launch a fiery first round attack for an early knockout victory, CCA's heavyweight Willard "The Michigan Mauler" Noble just bides his time and waits for the right moment to release his numbing punches.

Noble was a welcome arrival to CCA's stable of mittmen in early October from the 2nd Armored Division which gyroscoped to the United States. Accompanying the "Mauler" was an impressive amateur record that included a string of kayo victories in his pursuit of the 1956 Michigan State Golden Gloves heavyweight championship.

Noble is a native of Port Huron, Michigan and often made the jaunt to Detroit for sparring sessions at Brewster Center. The athletic establishment has long served as a training center for aspirants of the boxing profession.

By far, Brewster's most illustrious alumnus, who was later acclaimed by the world in boxing, was Joe Louis. Louis, who has been rated by The Ring Magazine as an All Time Ring Great, trained as an amateur and professional at Brewster Center and has been an idol of CAA's heavyweight hopeful.

Being a loyal fan of Louis', Noble patterns his style of boxing after the "Brown Bomber", but in latter years changed to a counter-slugging style because of his height and reach. Noble professed that he developed this latter style because he continued to broaden out, failed to get taller.

Noble drifted away from the boxing circles when he entered Port Huron High School and concentrated on football and baseball. Starring as fullback on his school's eleven, Noble was instrumental in his team's three undefeated seasons (1950-53) by scoring 14 touchdowns.

Aside from being the first string catcher on the baseball team, Noble also filled in at other positions on the diamond. He was cited as an All-State fullback during his senior year and received numerous athletic scholarship offers upon graduation.

Among the colleges and universities that were interested in Noble were Michigan State and the University of Michigan. He decided to enter Port Huron Jr. College and after completing his studies there, he became employed as a cutter with the Farmers Union, Port Huron, Mich.

Aside from his job, Noble continued to work-out in the gymnasiums during the evenings after work and entered the Golden Gloves as a heavyweight in 1955-56. In his climb for championship honors, "The Mauler" kayoed three foes and won one bout by default because his opponent failed to present himself at ring time.

When the gong sounded for the semi and final bouts of the Michigan Golden Gloves, Noble emerged as heavyweight king via the knock-out route.

The former Golden Gloves king-pin has high regards for military boxing and the role that it plays in entertainment for soldier-fans who enjoy the sport.

"Andy (Tessier) and Bill (Tisdale), CCA's boxing mentors, have an abundance of professional experience and have given me helpful hints of the trade," exclaimed Noble. "I've sparred with them both and when I committed a mistake, they would warn me and the next time belt me one, so now most of my faults have been eliminated for me by the coaches," added Noble.

Coach Tessier and Tisdale are confident that Noble has the "tools of the trade" to go all the way to the CISM championship and concluded that the

Andy Tessier, CCA Boxing Coach, demonstrates ring training techniques to pugilistic hopefuls at Wainwright Gym, Ayers Kaserne, CCA, 3d Armd Div, Germany.

3rd AD Boxing Tournament would be his first step toward that goal.

Noble is presently assigned to Company C, 46th Inf., as a senior rifleman. Upon his separation from the service in the fall, he is contemplating a professional boxing career and resuming his education at Michigan State College.

REYNOLDS NO FEATHER DUSTER

Richard "Dick" Reynolds, Hq. Co. CCA, has established himself as one of the most feared ringman in the 3rd Armored Division.

Dick began his ring career in 1948 while attending Simon Graz High School in Philadelphia and has produced an outstanding record of 37 victories and only two losses. One of those losses occurred in the 1951 AAU Flyweight championship matches. Reynolds was paired with and lost a close decision to Bob Singleton, who now campaigns as a professional boxer.

As a Golden Glover, Reynolds was awarded a trophy and robe which is symbolic of an amateur boxing finalist in the Golden Gloves. After Dick lost to Singleton, he decided to retire from the pugilistic circle and married his childhood sweetheart. They now have two children.

Reynolds often worked out in the local gym in the evenings after work. During these sparring sessions, he worked out with Gil Turner before the latter turned pro. Turner would spar with Reynolds to increase his speed and reflexes to a small, elusive target.

After an absence of over five years, Reynolds returned to the canvas cage while taking basic training at Fort Hood, Texas. He gyroscoped to Europe with the 1st Cav Tankers and is presently assigned to Hq & Hq Co CCA, as a jeep driver.

Andy Tessier and Bill Tisdale, CCA Boxing mentors, regard Reynolds as "one of the best boxer-punchers in USAREUR" and believe that he will bring the USAREUR featherweight crown to CCA this year.

Reynolds will represent CCA in the 3rd Armored Division Boxing Tournament. If he continues in his winning ways, he will have the chance to prove that he is the best featherweight in the U. S. Army.

After Reynolds' discharge, he also plans to become a professional boxer.

Willard Noble, former Michigan Golden Glove Heavyweight Champion (1956), now races for All USAREUR in fisticuffs. Noble is undefeated in four starts this year in the 3rd Armored Division Boxing Matches.

TESSIER AND TISDALE TEAM UP

Pfc. Andy Tessier, A Btry, 2d How Bn, 3d Arty, has been named as mentor of the CCA Boxing Team.

Tessier won 21 out of 26 pro fights, 13 by KO. He lost a close bout last year to Rory Calhoun, ranking middleweight, by a TKO in the 5th round. He beat Sammy Walker, New England middleweight champ, after being an underdog in a semi-final bout at Madison Square Garden, N. Y. Walker had defeated Milo Savage and Moses Ward. Tessier has been offered a fight with German Gustav Scholz in Berlin, which is under consideration.

Andy is 23 years old and a native of Springfield, Mass. His wife, Sandy, is with him enjoying the scenic life in Butzbach. She met the handsome muscle man at Cathedral High School in Springfield.

The New Englander plans to return to the pugilistic field upon his separation from the Army this fall. However, he may give the managerial area some thought. His army MOS is that of a Cannoneer.

As coach of the CCA Boxing Team, Andy is assisted by Bill Tisdale, whom he fought as an amateur many years ago. The boys met in an exhibition bout at Ft. Hood last winter and thrilled the thousands of spectators with a fine display of ring know-how. Tessier claims, "Our chances are very good to repeat last year's 3d Armored Divisions Championship Team and even to set our sights on the USAREUR Crown."

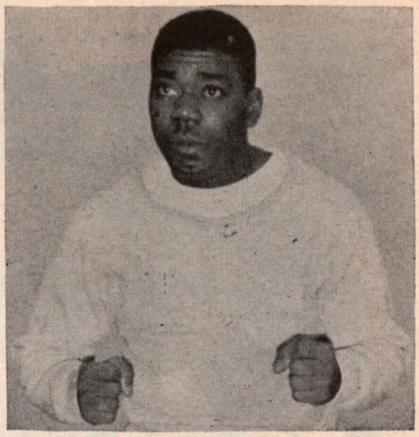
Pfc. Bill Tisdale, B Co, 2d MTB, 1st Cav, is sharing his ring knowledge with the CCA Boxing Team. Bill assists Andy Tessier with the coaching duties at the Kirch Goens canvas. He agrees with Tessier that CCA will cop the 3d Armd Division Boxing Crown again this year.

One would never realize looking at the big 185 pounder that he was once an underdeveloped child. At age 13, he took up boxing to gain his health, which he did.

Tisdale, born in Bridgeport, Conn., is 22 years old. He has been fighting professionally since his 16th birthday. His record is 21 wins, 9 by kayo and 4 losses.

Bill was on the Ft Hood Championship basketball team and also played end for the CCA Eleven this year until an old injury forced him to the sidelines.

This fall Tisdale plans to enter Brandeis University and hopes to coach their boxing team, but still fighting as a pro.



Richard "Dick" Reynolds, CCA featherweight, is considered as one of the best little men in military boxing circles in Germany. Reynolds will be fighting under the banner of Combat Command "A" of the 3rd Armd. Div. (Division Boxing Tournament)

Short-snorters. . . . First knockout in the career of Lucius Tate, 1957 All-Korea Army heavyweight, has come at the hands of Yukosuka Navy's Harry Baxter. On the other hand, Yokosuka Navy's Chico Segura suffered his first loss in the Far East in a decision by Shigeru Sawada of Waseda University. . . . Ft. Campbell, Ky., named "Wee" Willie Barnes, who won the All-Army flyweight title in his 14th ring engagement, their 1957 "Athlete of the Year".

STEWART, AIR FORCE CHAMPION CALLS IT QUITS

Johnson AB, Japan . . . . Slam-bang John Stewart reigning All-Air Force heavyweight king and 1954 Interservice champion, has hung up his gloves.

His announced retirement here brings to a close the boxing career of one of the service's outstanding champions. In addition to his interservice honors, jolting John won four out of five All-Air Force world-wide tournaments entered, a service record likely to stand for some time.

The lifetime record of the powerful champion shows 145 victories and only eight defeats.

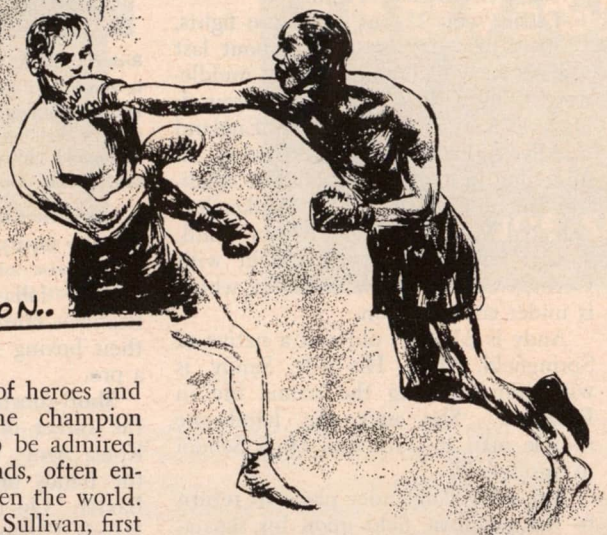
In winning his current title at Mitchel AFB, N. Y., one year ago Stewart suffered a bad ankle sprain and was unable to compete for interservice honors. His other AF championships were won in 1952 as a light-heavyweight, and heavyweight titles in 1954 and 1955.

Along his knockout-studded career, Stewart's fists brought him several Golden Gloves titles and the National Pan-American championship in 1955.

Unhappy Hero

Kid Chocolate—Never A Champion But One of The Rings Greatest Warriors.

By TED CARROLL



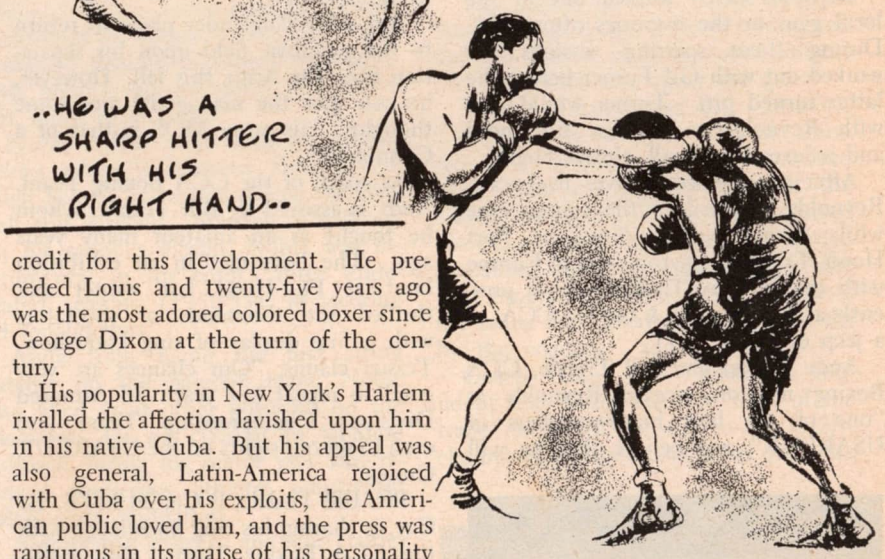
BOXING is a game of heroes and hero worship. The champion fighter is a man to be admired. He is lionized by thousands, often entire nations, sometimes even the world. From the time of John L. Sullivan, first of the modern ring heroes many years ago, the hero's role has been played by Dempsey, Louis, Benny Leonard, Terry M'Govern, George Dixon, Jimmy M'Larnin, Ray Robinson.

The hero's mantle has sometimes draped the shoulders of one not quite mature enough to bear its weight. Such a one was Cuba's Kid Chocolate, now come upon unwelcome days, whose rapid transformation from street waif to international celebrity in a very short space of time, was too abrupt a change for this childish product of "El Cierro" —Havana's Harlem—to withstand.

Born Eligio Sardinias in Havana forty-eight years ago, Kid Chocolate was a genuine hero of the ring. He was held in such idolatry in his native Cuba, that not even the turbulence of Cuban politics could shake the nation's concern for his welfare. Regardless of which faction was in power, Kid Chocolate's government pension remained inviolate.

Although never accorded universal recognition as a champion, to Cuba's population up to this very day, he is still the "Champ." No one can ever convince the Islanders that the decisions which deprived him of unanimous acceptance as titleholder were correct.

Although Joe Louis is everlastingly lauded for his part in paving the way for the high place Negro boxers—and athletes generally—now hold, Chocolate must not be overlooked in placing the credit for this development. He preceded Louis and twenty-five years ago was the most adored colored boxer since George Dixon at the turn of the century.



His popularity in New York's Harlem rivalled the affection lavished upon him in his native Cuba. But his appeal was also general, Latin-America rejoiced with Cuba over his exploits, the American public loved him, and the press was rapturous in its praise of his personality and ability.

Paul Gallico, on the occasion of Chocolate's first New York appearance in the old St. Nicholas Arena, topped his sports column in the New York Daily News with this exuberant line, "*. . . into our already teeming lives now marches Kid Chocolate . . .*" Memphis-born sports columnist Joe Williams carried away by a particularly sparkling Chocolate exhibition against Filipino Ignacio Fernandez at Brooklyn's old Ebbets Field, declaimed to all the world "*. . . my favorite fighter, bar none, is Kid Chocolate. . . .*"

At a time when Negro fighters were emerging from a long lean and hungry period, Chocolate became an overnight sensation, after arriving in this country in 1928. Luis "Pincho" Guiterrez, his discoverer and manager, after giving various small club crowds a peek at his prodigy, accepted a semi-final match with Joe Scalfaro, a hard hitting Bronx boy, in Madison Sq. Garden. A sellout crowd turned out to glimpse the Cuban wonder, they saw a good fight, one of the toughest the Kid was to have in the States. He had to get off the floor to gain a draw, but the Garden spectators were dazzled by the electric quality of his boxing.

For the next two years Chocolate piled up victory after victory before finally losing a most controversial decision to heavier Jack Kid Berg on Aug. 7, 1930. The verdict in Berg's favor kicked up a storm among Cubans and Latin Americans and upon Chocolate's return to Havana shortly afterwards, he was triumphantly hailed by cheering crowds shouting that he hadn't been beaten yet.

Chocolate was one of the greatest attractions New York City ever had, performing before capacity crowds every time he answered the bell during the late Twenties and early Thirties.

His meeting with Al Singer, himself a great New York favorite of the time, at New York's old Polo Grounds, was a genuine extravaganza, in which the two featherweights drew 37,000 customers paying $215,000. Incidentally this was one of the rare occasions when the Kid got the better of the decision, he won but it was a hairline verdict.

An exceptional fighter, Chocolate looked even better in action than he was. His satiny skin, glistening highly polished hair, wide shouldered trim waisted physique, was likened to a finely carved ebony statue come to life by the late Jim Jennings of the old New York Graphic. His movements performed with a rapid graceful rhythm made his boxing style a thing of beauty. His rapid reflexes and expertness at slipping and ducking punches caused Gallico to comment "... *Chocolate's eyes magnify boxing gloves. ...*"

While he fell short of Willie Pep for sheer technical skill, and did not possess Ray Robinson's firepower, he had a warm vivid personality and a personal magnetism which neither of these masters could equal.

Not a devastating hitter, he was a sharp puncher, who scored many knockouts. One of the most impressive of these was over hard hitting Benny Bass of Philadelphia, from whom he won the Junior lightweight title—then widely recognized—in seven rounds on July 15, 1931.

Even at this late date, Cuban sports people, still charge that Chocolate despite his great popularity in America, was dealt with unjustly in the matter of title fights and decisions. This feeling was personified in a Ring office visit by Dr. Jorge Vieties, Cuban government official, five years ago. Dr. Vieties stoutly maintained that not only was the Battalino decision which blocked Chocolate's complete claim to the featherweight title highly disputable, but the Canzoneri decision which cost the Kid the lightweight crown back in 1931 was even worse.

MOST ELECTRIFYING PERFORMANCE

Chocolate's most electrifying performance and his greatest effort was his try for the lightweight title then held by Tony Canzoneri, although the officials did not see it his way, at the end of fifteen breath taking rounds. When the call went to the defending champion, the Kid was never the same thereafter.

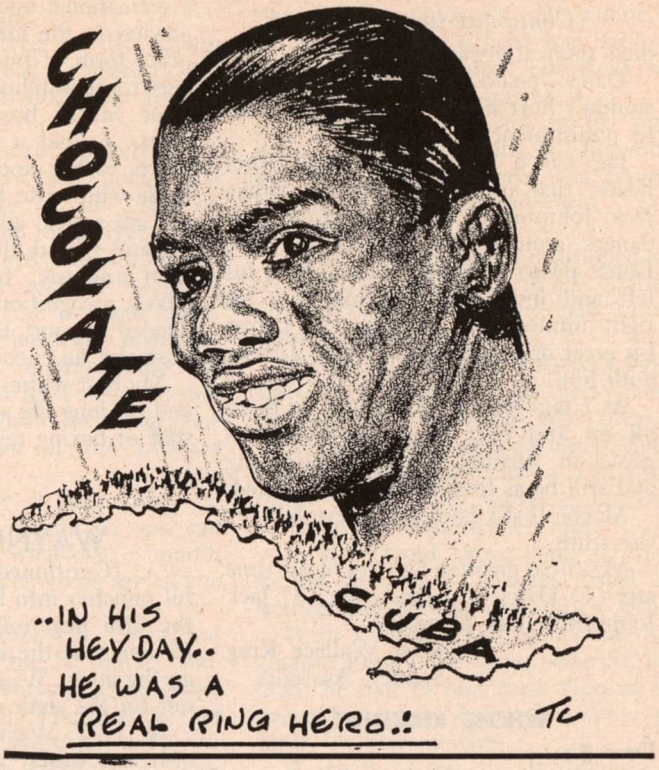
Victories over Lew Feldman and Fidel LaBarba, U. S. contenders, and Seaman Watson, British Empire titleholder in 1933 won Chocolate recognition by the New York Boxing Commission as featherweight champion. A perennial tug-of-war between the NBA and the NY body over the 126 pound title created such confusion no one was able to gain complete acceptance as featherweight king during the period when Chocolate was active.

As his career skyrocketed, so also did some other activities of the Patent Leather Kid which were not designed to make it a long one. A busy battler averaging better than a fight a month, Chocolate still found time to miss little of the fun to be had in the hotspots of Harlem and Havana. The night and its pleasures proved most alluring to the glossy headed ex-gamin with the gleaming grin.

"*The kid isn't only burning the candle at both ends, he broke it in half and is burning all four ends.*" Moaned Trainer Moe Fleischer who with promoter Jess M'Mahon, was fighting a losing battle to keep the Kid on the straight and narrow.

Luis Guiterrez was a fine manager in many ways, but "Pincho" who was the perfect picture of the Spanish "Don" with his flashing smile, pin stripe mustache and classic Castillian features was himself no stay-at-home. He was no Pop Foster or Cus D'Amato riding herd on a susceptible youngster, and consequently his fighter found too much of his time his very own.

Unfortunately in his peregrinations along the primrose path the likeable Kid encountered companions whom he could ill afford to tarry with without injury to himself and



his career. This was the root of the trouble which not only dulled the edge of his fighting form, but resulted in the unhappy aspect and numerous problems of his life today.

A trip to Europe in which he missed none of the after dark delights of Madrid, Barcelona and Paris was the beginning of the end of the Chocolate saga. During three bouts overseas spectators openly taunted him over his weakness for good times, and when he returned to the States late in 1933 his best days were behind him.

Canzoneri stopped him in two rounds in the Garden on Nov. 24, 1933 and when the Kid suddenly collapsed against Frankie Klick in a Philadelphia match a month later, losing by a knockout in seven rounds, his decline became definite.

Although he boxed for four more years including a Coast tour, his opponents were no longer among the boxing elite, being mainly small club talent, against whom he enjoyed considerable success. But the spark was gone. In 1938, the fortune of almost a half million dollars he had earned dissipated, and his health in a precarious state, he quit the ring retiring to his native Havana.

HIS GOV'T. STANDS BY

The story of Kid Chocolate is that of a hero who never grew up, untutored and unwary of the hazards of devious ways and companions. That the Cuban government has seen fit to be compassionate of his failings is commendable for however he may have transgressed, the fault was not wholly his own and the honor he brought to his native country in the ring as one of the most picturesque and popular of all boxers entitles him to some kind of clemency.

As a ring idol Chocolate had few peers, his iridescent ring style, amiable disposition and personal charm proved a boon not only to boxing during his meteoric career but to his homeland and to his race as well. Active steps are being taken to bring about his complete rehabilitation and whatever his faults and missteps of the past the heartiest well wishes of fight people everywhere are with him in his battle to recreate his life even as their cheers for his spectacular performances resounded throughout the boxing world a generation ago.

FROM OUR READERS

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died soon afterwards.

Darcy could do anything. You couldn't hurt him. He was impervious to punishment.

He was a boxer, unlike any other boxer, that ever lived because unlike Jack Johnson or Ray Robinson who dances around, flicking out his left, Darcy always advanced leading with his left and invariably throwing over his right immediately. He was so strong his great opponents couldn't do a thing with him.

As I said before he would take them all on and beat them at their own game in boxing, strength, punching and still be as fresh as when he started.

Maybe that's hard to believe but it's the truth.

My three greatest fighters of all time are: (1) Darcy; (2) Joe Louis; (3) Jack Johnson or Jack Dempsey.

John Wallace King
Sydney, Australia

WHOSE KICKING?

Dear Sir:

I sure enjoy reading the Ring magazine and read all of it every month. But why all the kicks about Floyd Patterson?

Patterson won very easy over Tommy Jackson who isn't the best. But at the time Jackson was No. 1 challenger.

Almost all the champs seem to forget that the No. 1 man.

Joe Brown, the lightweight champ, won over Wallace Bud Smith then he won over Smith again. Then instead of fighting his three best challengers he fights Orlando Zulueta who in the last 3 years has lost 8 or 9 times.

Why didn't Brown fight Kenny Lane, or Ralph Dupas or Duilio Loi, these 3 are rated 1-2-3. Now I see he picked out another easy one and ducked the other three. He fought Joey Lopes whom he beat easily. Lopes wasn't even rated until recently.

Anyway you have a swell magazine. Please keep on with the good work.

Steve Redfield
Marysville, Mich.

WE LIKE YOU

Gentlemen:

Another year has drawn to a close and The Ring staff can feel mighty proud of its achievement in the world of sport. Your magazine has enriched the world with its millions of followers of boxing. The Ring's achievements through its thirty-six years of existence are far greater than is generally realized. It has not fully received the recognition it deserves.

Those who scoff at boxing by saying that it doesn't help to make the world a better place, in my humble opinion are wrong. Boxing is as important from a recreational and entertainment point of view to the life of our people as any other form of business. The thrill one gets from watching a boxing match, is what makes boxing so interesting a sport. I hold a warm admiration for sports writers and a particularly so for those who write for "The Ring."

I am a great admirer of Max Schmeling and I think that The Ring, more so than anybody, fought the battle for Max's recognition at a time when he needed support to overcome the great obstacles he encountered.

My best wishes for continued success and for long life and happiness to a fine staff of boxing reporters.

Willard Zierold
South Amana, Iowa

WAYNE BETHEA

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ful punches into his belly. By the time the fifth heat rolled around it became obvious that the Englishman would not go the limit. Wisely he refused to come out for the sixth round.

In 1957 Wayne went to the post only five times. He lost again to Zora Folley in a close fight in which he came close to knocking out his man with a right to the jaw that floored Zora for a nine count. Wayne then ran off three straight wins over Jeff Dyer, Burt Whitehurst and Paul Andrews, before being outboxed by the number one light heavyweight challenger Harold Johnson. He started off 1958 with a one sided triumph over California champion Young Jack Johnson. In 26 bouts this 25 year old plugger has won 17, lost 7 and boxed a draw.

Youngest of seven brothers and seven sisters, Wayne Bethea—being no different than other kids—had many fights in school and on streets. His father died 19 years ago. In high school he played baseball and football, but basketball was his favorite. *"I was workin' in a sort of combination grocery-gas station,"* related Bethea, *"but was paid very little. So I got to thinkin' about goin' to New York. Which is what I did, an' got a job packin' tomatoes at the Bronx Terminal Market. I been workin' there six years an' the boss, Jack Esformes, and his brother Murray —who are partners in growin' an' packin' an' shippin' tomatoes to all parts of the country—treat me just great. Whenever I fight in New York, Jack an' Murray occupy over three dozen seats with friends an' root for me."*

Some time ago, when a friend asked Wayne why he continues to work, although he's a successful ringman, the heavyweight replied, *"A successful man, in my opinion, is one with enough money to live on for the rest of his days. Bein' as I don't fight often, I can't save much from my purses, which ain't as big as people imagine. That's one reason I'm holdin' onto my job. Another is—that hangin' around, doin' nothin' is bound to get a man into mischief. 'Specially a fighter, 'cause people are always puttin' temptation in his way—an' generally the bad kind."*

A polite young man and of excellent character, Bethea belongs to the Thessalonia Baptist Church where he sings in the choir. He doesn't drink, smoke or use profanity—not even mild cuss words. He likes all types of music, enjoys watching stage plays and movies.

While his muscular arms and shoulders were being massaged, Bethea related that back in 1952, a friend of the Esformes brothers brought champion Rocky Marciano to the Bronx Terminal Market and introduced him to Wayne, saying, *"This kid hopes to become a professional boxer, Rocky. Give him some advice on how to make good in the ring."*

"Well, fighting is a tough profession," said Marciano. *"So in order to be a success you got to be in good shape for every fight. Live clean, train hard and make every bout your best one. Don't mix in bad company, let no one discourage you—and save your money. It's a hard living."*

Bethea hasn't forgotten one single word of Rocky's short but valuable lecture; especially about not letting anyone discourage him. Occasionally a wise guy will tell Wayne he hasn't a chance of occupying the heavyweight throne, that he lacks the speed and dexterity and boxing skill a champion must be endowed with.

"I just shrug an' smile at such remarks," revealed Wayne. *"It don't bother me none if I never become champ. All I want is to put up good fights, win if I can, make good money an' save it, make good friends an' hold onto them. An' oh, yes—marry some day an' raise a family."*

While Wayne was putting on his clothes, Tony Vone, who's been in the coal and fuel oil business for some twenty years, remarked in the form of a sardonic question: *"If Bethea is as awkward and clumsy as so many claim, and a cinch to outbox, why do fighters like Floyd Patterson, Hurricane Jackson, Bob Baker, Willie Pastrano, Eddie Machen, Harold Carter and the rest of the heavies—including the great Archie Moore—refuse to pick up easy dough by fighting Wayne?"*

The Dark Horse of the heavyweight division has been in the Bronx apartment of his sister Tearetha and her husband since coming to New York. The childless couple have given Wayne Bethea a fine home and excellent care. *"My brother-in-law, Earl Bell,"* informed the fighter, *"is a swell guy an' we get along just fine.*

LAZY BUT LETHAL

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better puncher, handled Ketchel with disdain for the first 10 rounds. He outjabbed him to such a degree that Ketchel could only hit Johnson in the body—and that merely a few times.

In the 12th round things were so dull that Johnson was looking for familiar faces at the ringside and winking to them.

It was during one of Jack's space-staring moments, that Ketchel leaped up at the haughty giant with a right that carried everything he had. It landed behind the ear. Johnson, his balance disturbed, fell. He tried to cushion the tumble by sticking out his left glove but he came to rest on his pants.

To everyone at ringside, Johnson was more annoyed than shaken, because, before a count could be started, he was on his feet, his poise still prevailing. Now he waited for the little man to charge in and met him with a right uppercut. It was a real shot, the impetus for which had started in Johnson's well-set feet.

Ketchel's head flew up and back, an electric quaver being transmitted through his neck, shoulders, waist and eventually his legs. Such a paralyzed body could merely tumble backwards limply, which it did.

Referee Jack Welch counted him out on his back.

A curious sidelight was that Johnson's revengeful punch had penetrated Ketchel's lip, wrecking his teeth. When the gloves were stripped off, three of Ketchel's teeth were still in Johnson's right glove.

It is widely accepted that fighters of today, as a rule, do not have the technique of the ancients but here and there you'll come across a ring mechanic with these lazy but lethal traits.

The vast national television audience was treated to a display of the same late in 1957 when lightweight champion Joe Brown inflicted slow torture on Joey Lopes. He finally had dispatched him by a knockout in the 11th round after having had him at his mercy four rounds earlier. It was a title match in Chicago.

When fight writers asked Brown, 32-year-old veteran from Baton Rouge, La., why he hadn't moved for the kill in the seventh, Joe smiled pleasantly and said: *"You know me, I'm never in a hurry, I was just biding my time to put together two punches."*

Obviously Joe was merely being diplomatic.

There had been a prologue to his diabolical delay. The previous summer in Chicago they had boxed over-the-weight. It wound up a draw and Lopes, a brash kid from Sacramento, Cal., insisted he'd *"been robbed."* As the title match neared, Joey told the world that *"this Brown, he's not getting any better, I am, I'll lick him sure."*

All this smouldered in the champ and he patiently made a resolve, not only to lick Lopes decisively but to humiliate him.

That's why Brown so strangely let up when he had him. In fact, though he'd floored Lopes twice in the 11th, he was a bit miffed when the referee pulled him off Joey in a corner and stopped it. Brown would have relished bouncing him up and down half a dozen times.

Accentuated that particular night, his time-biding wasn't anything new for Brown. Those who have caught other of his TV fights know he often practices boxing version of the Chinese water-torture.

"The way I see it," he once explained, *"if you're a puncher and can win by a knockout, what does it matter how the fight has been going up 'til you knock him off?"*

A net result, at least with Lopes, was that the scoring in the 10 rounds completed remained remarkably close. Some even had him ahead. The thing is that more than a few watchers were bewitched by Brown's legerdemain. They thought that punches Lopes landed (by courtesy of his opponent) actually constituted successful offensive moves.

At that, the lightweight king holds no exclusive on these tactics among reigning champions.

An influential disciple of long standing is Archie Moore, light heavyweight champion.

It seems to be a fundamental of his credo that no conquest should be permitted to appear too easy. Not that he puts it into as many words, he's even a better diplomat than Brown, which is going some. He slants a conversation cleverly . . . by talk, he'll rebuild a fighter he has just destroyed.

There was his title defense last fall in Los Angeles, when he'd toyed with young challenger Tony Anthony, then drilled home cruel punches which prompted the referee to halt it during the seventh round.

So what was Archie's dressing-room palaver?

"This is a fine prospect, Anthony, to beat him I had to be in real fine condition. I was. Yes, with another year's experience on him, I don't know if I could handle him. . . . I had a tough fight on my hands but I knew what I was doing and finally I sprung the trap on him."

Just peek into The Ring Record Book at Moore's record. You'll note that, for one exigency or another, there were many times when he wasn't ready until before curfew was about to sound.

The ranks of the tantalizers include many others.

But not all were acutely conscious of what they were doing, a la Moore.

Take Rocky Graziano, present-day star of TV, movies, etc. His failure to get going early in a fight was not part of any strategy picture. The Rock was lazy—and no trimmings to it.

He had a mule's kick in his right hand from the beginning but he would lose fights he should have won because he couldn't work himself up . . . in time, that is.

Twice, back-to-back, he dropped decisions to Harold Green in the Garden, despite the fact that he had Green wobbling in the last round.

Everybody remember's Rocky's fights with Tony Zale . . . the first—front-running until the iron man stormed back, the second—rallying out of shakiness to bomb Zale into a TKO, the third—never really warming his own motor as Tony hurricaned him.

As the record shows, only in their second fight did Graziano dispel his laziness and become rewardingly lethal.

With Freddie (Red) Cochrane and Charlie Fusari, the same principle had held: he had to find time slipping between his fingers before he would explode his best punches.

If you'll permit the broadening of the word lethal to include effective fighters who weren't necessarily knock-out punchers, members take in Abe Attell and Willie Pep, remarkable featherweight champions 35 years apart.

It was typified one night when Attell was watching Pep against Ray Famechon of France in the Garden. Willie wasn't putting out, although he was making a monkey of Famechon. The crowd was booing. And Abe snapped resentfully: *"What do those bums want? In 15 rounds a guy is expected to go like a whirlwind all the way. In the old days we'd give them one good round, two bad rounds, one good round. This poor sucker (Pep) is giving them a good one every other round."*

Who was harder to light a fire under than Sixto Escobar, the stiff-hitting bantamweight champion of the 1930s?

Escobar, who had stormed out of Puerto Rico, won and lost the bantamweight crown on several occasions between 1934 and 1939.

One of his familiar foes was K.O. Morgan, the southpaw. In Detroit once Escobar stalked Morgan for 10 rounds, never took his gun off his shoulder. He was so pent up with disappointment that he waited for the triumphant Morgan to come down to his dressing room, where he swarmed into him and belted him a beaut on the chin.

"At last I catch you," he grunted as a bewildered Morgan stared up at him from the floor.

Sixto surely had proved he was lethal —even if the KO came much too late in the evening.

WHAT ARE THE GREATS DOING NOW? . . . .

By AL BUCK

Gene Tunney, was first Fighter of The Year—1928.

For 30 Years The Ring Has Been Designating Fighters Of The Year.

Above Joe Louis won the Award more than any other fighter . . . four times. Left: Tommy Loughran received the award in 1929 after successfully defending his light heavyweight title against Jimmy Braddock.

A GLORIOUS and exciting story of fistic triumphs, if not boxing's entire history for the last 30 years, could be written about the men "The Ring" has honored with the designation of "Fighter of the Year."

It started in 1928 when Gene Tunney was picked as the best. That was the year he made his final defense of the world heavyweight championship by knocking out Tom Heeney, the Hard Rock from Down Under, in the 11th round. It continued through 1957 when the choice was Carmen Basilio, who moved out of the welterweight class to win the world middlweight title from Sugar Ray Robinson.

Tunney retired a millionaire, and married following his victory over Heeney. He has been an active and successful businessman ever since with time out to serve in the Navy with the rank of Commander during World War II.

An odd twist to the first, and most recent "Fighter of the Year" awards is that both recipients are former Marines. Tunney was a Leatherneck in World War I; Basilio in World War II.

Basilio, born in Canastota, a suburb of Syracuse, is an outdoor man, who likes to hunt and fish. The year just past was a great one for him as he successfully defended the welterweight title by knocking out Johnny Saxton in two rounds before defeating Robinson.

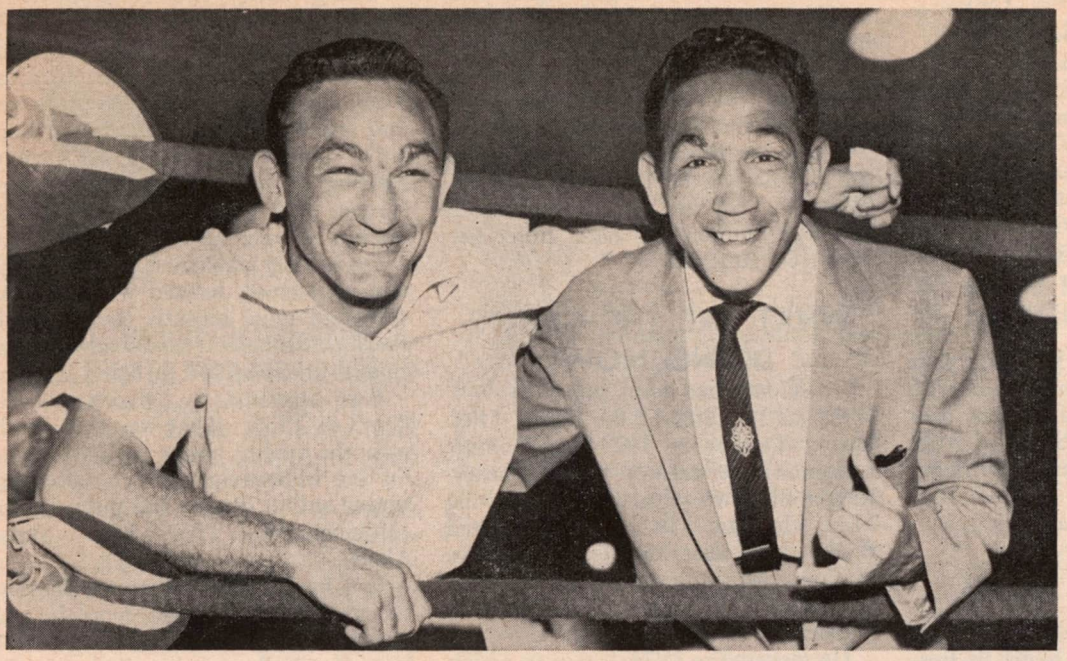
As a "Fighter of the Year" Joe Louis is the standout. He won the honor four times—in 1936, 1938, 1939 and 1941. Of the others only Rocky Marciano has been honored more than twice.

Louis was honored in 1936 for the great comeback he made after being knocked out by Max Schmeling. Two years later he received the award again for knocking Schmeling out in a round. In 1939 Joe bombed John Henry Lewis, Jack Roper, Tony Galento and Bob Pastor to land on top.

And in 1941, as the war clouds gathered, Louis made his famed "Bum of the Month" tour for additional honors. That year he also stopped Billy Conn in 13 rounds.

Joe was a champion among champions. He came back after four years in the Army to defeat Conn again, and in 1948 he retired. The comeback he made was a mistake. Today he is an official of the International Boxing Club,

Rocky Marciano was designated Fighter of The Year in 1952, 1954 and 1955. Seen here with his daughter is the happy family man and successful business man now living in Florida. He was the only heavyweight champ never to lose a fight.



Left: Carmen Basilio, The Ring's winner in 1957, with his arm around Willie Pep who won the award in 1945. Both are active. Basilio is the middleweight champion and Pep is still highly regarded as a featherweight. Below: Barney Ross who shared top honors with Tony Canzoneri in 1934 and was named the leader the following year, poses with Ray Robinson, winner in 1942 and 1951.

and a partner in a public relations firm.

If you have been wondering why Louis was not named "Fighter of the Year" in 1937, when he won the title by knocking out James J. Braddock in eight rounds, and followed with a decision over Tommy Farr, it was because of a fellow named Henry Armstrong. Henry was undefeated. He knocked out Petey Sarron in six rounds to win the featherweight crown, the first of his three titles.

In quick succession Armstrong won the welterweight title from Barney Ross and the lightweight championship from Lou Ambers. Aside from Armstrong, Bob Fitzsimmons was the only fighter to win three titles. His ring career far behind him, Armstrong is an ordained minister today.

Conn, campaigning for his first shot at Louis, was undefeated in 1940. He was rewarded with the "Fighter of the Year" award. Billy the Kid is still about, selling automobiles in his native Pittsburgh. He also has extensive oil holdings.

In 1949, when he succeeded Louis as champion, Ezzard Charles was the "Fighter of the Year." He repeated in 1950, when he defeated Louis on his comeback to become undisputed world heavyweight king. Charles owns property both in New York and in Cincinnati, where he is a constable attached to the juvenile division.

Rocky Marciano, only heavyweight champion never to lose a fight, was The Ring's "Man" in 1952, 1954 and 1955. In 1952 he won the crown, knocking out Jersey Joe Walcott after trailing going into the 13th round. In 1954 he twice defeated Charles.

Marciano retired after knocking out Archie Moore in nine rounds in 1955. Earlier that year he knocked out England's Don Cockell, also in nine rounds. Rocky, profiting by Tunney's example, is permanently retired. He will not make the mistake Louis did by coming back to the ring.

Living in Miami Beach, Marciano is president of Rocky Marciano Enterprises, Inc., a farming, processing and investment firm. His partner is James J. Cerniglia, better known to visitors at Rocky's early training camps at Greenwood Lake as "*Jimmy Tomatoes.*"

It seems the man who succeeds a retired champion on the heavyweight throne is sure to be designated "Fighter of the Year." Floyd Patterson, the present champ, was honored in 1956. It took two years to crown a successor to Tunney, but in 1930 Max Schmeling turned up as "Fighter of the Year."

Schmeling's lone accomplishment in 1930 was winning the world heavyweight championship in four rounds on a foul. He met Jack Sharkey in the final of a long elimination tournament, and the Boston Gob was disqualified for a low left.

Two years later—1932—when he outpointed Schmeling to win the heavyweight crown, Sharkey received "The Ring" award.

Schmeling was in the news recently when James J. Farley, who heads Coca Cola's foreign division, awarded him a franchise for Hamburg, Germany. Farley was chairman of the New York Commission during most of Schmeling's fighting days.

Max was in World War II, but on the side of the enemy.

Sharkey lives in Epping, N. H. He is an expert fisherman and fly caster, and has made a business of his hobby.

In 30 years, 21 men have been singled out by "The

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NEW ENGLAND TOP FISTIC INCUBATOR

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Steve Ward, the Hartford welter, has an impressive log, showing 29-4-1 with wins over Bob Murphy, Gene Butler, Earl Mathews, Pat Mallane and Jimmy Watkins. The Vermont born youngster won 25 of his first 26 before losing to Bobby Courchesne.

Billy Lynch is another Hartford lad who shows plenty of promise. He moved in with the top men of late. Lynch has compiled a 33-3 mark with 19 kayos. Billy has won his last 16 straights. He has turned in wins over Charlie Cotton, Calvin Smith, Luther Rawlings, Jake Josato, Johnny Cunningham(Al Wilson, Barry Allison, Ted Murray and Federico Plummer.

RAY LANCASTER, HAS AN IMPRESSIVE AMATEUR RECORD

Ray Lancaster, formerly from Spartanburg, S. C., but now living in Boston, is a former top Southern amateur star who was a Navy titleholder in 1954, a runner-up in the 1952 Olympic trials, a runner-up in the 1955 Pan American games and a finalist in the 1954 All-Service tournament in which he beat Walter Byars. Ray, who began boxing as an amateur at thirteen, has a 115-11 record with 50 kayos as a simon pure. Since becoming a pro he has racked up 14-1 mark with 6 kayos and has won his last 11 in a row with wins over Rocky Randell, Al Marotti, Cesar Morales and James Carter.

Billy Priest another middleweight from a fighting family, boasts a 13-1 log. Half of his wins have been by kayos.

Larry Zernitz of New Haven, back in action after a two year layoff, shows a 15-4-1 mark with 10 kayos. Larry holds a win over Tony Johnson.

Another lad who has come back this year after a poor 1956 year, is Bob Murphy. He was named as Rookie of the Year in 1955, when the Brighton welterweight rolled up an impressive 16 bout winning streak that saw him win the New England welter crown. Then he lost 3 in a row. Bob won 4 straight on his comeback and has an all-over mark of 19-4-1 with 13 dayos. Following a draw with Chico Vejar, Bob was pushed too fast but now may fulfill his early promise.

Others to watch are Paul Lee, Hartford lightweight, with an 8-2-2 mark and George Ross, another Hartford lightweight, with an 8-1-1 mark. His loss and draw were in bouts with Lee.

Joe DeNucci, Boston middleweight, with a 9-0 mark, 7 kayos, is another to watch.

Paddy Read, Providence featherweight, whose 6-4 mark is misleading, has won 6 of his last 8 starts. Georgie Walker, Providence lightweight, with a 6-0 log and Earl Mathews, Boston lightweight, with a 15-9-1 mark, are also good prospects. Earl is a pleasing performer who has shown flashes of top-notch ability.

These are the lads who are keeping the pot boiling for New England promoters. They are as fine a group as you will find on the fistic front anywhere in America.

WHAT ARE THE GREATS DOING NOW?

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Ring" as "Fighter of the Year." Following Tunney in 1929 was Tommy Loughran. He had won the light-heavyweight title two years earlier, defeating Mike McTigue. In 1929 he defeated Braddock in what was his fifth defense of the crown, and then gave it up to campaign for the heavyweight championship.

He repeated in 1931, a year in which the clever Philadelphian defeated, among others, Max Baer, Tuffy Griffiths, Vittorio Campolo, Johnny Risko and Paulino Uzcudun. He ended the year, one of his most successful, losing to King Levinsky.

Loughran is still active in boxing. He is a TV commentator. Last summer refereed the Patterson-Pete Rademacher heavyweight title fight in Seattle. Tommy lost a decision to Dr. Joyce Brothers, the quiz queen, when he missed on the $64,000 Challenge, but he is a successful sugar broker on Wall St.

Another sugarman—Sugar Ray Robinson—has been twice "Fighter of the Year." He was first picked in 1942, and repeated nine years later. Robinson was undefeated in 13 straight fights in 1942, scoring nine knockouts.

Robinson didn't win a world title until 1946 when he defeated Tommy Bell after Marty Servo had retired as welterweight champion. Tony Zale was top man that year, but Sugar Ray came back in 1951 to be crowned "Fighter of the Year" a second time. He started the year by knocking out Jake LaMotta in 13 rounds to win the world middleweight championship for the first time.

Robinson gave up the middleweight title; regained it from Bobo Olson, lost and regained it in bouts with Gene Fullmer, and lost it to Basilio. On March 25th, at Chicago, Ray will attempt to win the middleweight championship a fourth time.

Zale was a solid fighter, whose thrilling battles with Rocky Graziano will be remembered. The Man of Steel knocked out Rocky the first time in six rounds in 1946 and that same year was "The Ring's" "Figher of the Year." Tony now coaches boxing, and is active in the Catholic Youth Organization at Chicago.

Going back, The Ring made no "Fighter of the Year" Award in 1933. The following year it made two, the honor being shared by Barney Ross and Tony Canzoneri. In 1934 Ross won and lost the welterweight title in bouts with Jimmy McLarnin. Canzoneri fighting his way back to the lightweight throne, won five out of six, reversing his one setback by Harry Dublinsky.

On retiring Canzoneri became a night club performer, teamed with Joey Adams, and more recently took over the Paddock Restaurant on Broadway. Canzoneri's name is still in lights.

Ross repeated as "Fighter of the Year" in 1935. That was the year he won the rubber battle with McLarnin for the welterweight crown. Recently turned author, Barney has published his autobiography: *"No Man Stands Alone."*

It is hardly necessary to tell Barney's life story. A Marine hero he was awarded the Silver Star during World War II. Following his discharge, due to medical treatment he had received, he became a dope addict, turned himself into the authorities, and licked the habit. Today Barney Ross is an advertising executive, employed by the Blackstone Agency.

Another "Fighter of the Year" in 1945 is Willie Pep, who was an undefeated youngster in 1944 when he won the featherweight championship from the late Chalky Wright. Willie now operates a tavern in Tampa, Fla., but he's still active as a fighter. In fact it is our guess few lightweights can lick him today.

In 1944 The Ring's "Fighter of the Year" was Beau Jack. A shoeshine boy from the Augusta National Golf Club, Beau packed Madison Square Garden fighting Bob Montgomery for the lightweight title. When he was finished, when the fun was all over, he went back to Georgia, content to shine shoes again.

The Beau Jack story isn't a sad one. He had eleven fun loving years and he does own a small farm in his home county.

Ike Williams in 1948, when he was at his peak as lightweight champion; Bobo Olson in 1953, when he licked Randy Turpin for the world middleweight crown, and Gus Lesnevich in 1947 are others who have been designated "Fighter of the Year" by The Ring.

Lesnevich, the *"White Russian"* from New Jersey, held the light-heavyweight title seven years, defending it abroad as well as in America. After losing the crown to Freddie Mills in London, Gus closed out his career in a vain attempt to win the heavyweight championship from Charles.

Lesnevich is now in public relations in New Jersey.

WILL ROBINSON WIN MIDDLE TITLE FOR FIFTH TIME?

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clothes. Well, I just like to be with him." Carmen beamed on her, a grand family team.

You spend an hour or so with Basilio and you come away with the feeling that he will do it again, by a bigger margin than when he achieved the trick last September.

Relaxed, Basilio is quite different from the Carmen of the ring, or the training gymnasium.

He likes to tell a story. You interview a champion so you honor him. He wanted to get this one off his chest and, as it turned out, it wasn't at all bad.

"Two welters were fighting, and one was a kind of little guy," Basilio opened.

"The referee called them to ring center and said, 'Look, this is a tough town. They want your blood. If you don't fight they may not let you get out of this hall alive.

"So, rely on me. If you are in trouble, just tip me off. Whisper one word, 'Sufficient.' Now, go out and fight."

"The smaller man had the other feller on the deck four times in the first round. Three in the second. He belted him around in the third, but in the fourth he ran out of gas. The taller man laid him out like linoleum.

"Then the winner went dashing around the ring tearing his hair. The referee said, 'Hey, have you gone nuts?' The winner replied, 'I could kick myself out of the ring. What was that word you told me to whisper?'

"Now, that's my idea of a good boxing story, and I don't mind saying I expected a bigger laugh."

"I got to be quite a story teller around the tough chicken circuit this past Winter, collecting trophies," Carmen continued. "It was a lot of fun, but I am glad it is over with."

CAN AGING ROBINSON DO IT FOR FIFTH TIME?

Basilio already was in fine shape for the title defense. But what about Robinson? Could he, at age 39, achieve the feat of beating a great fighter like Carmen, and gain the middleweight championship for the fifth time? I doubt it.

Were Ray to perform this trick, his stature as a fighter would be increased, and it already is impressive enough.

However, the psychology of the situation was against Robinson. He was, quite frankly, continuing in the ring chiefly for the financial return.

Ray had a lot of money, but it wasn't fluid. It was invested, and ready cash was not plentiful with him. His gains from the September fight had been gobbled up, in a large measure, for tax payments.

After that encounter, Robinson talked of quitting the ring. The spirit said, "'Go on and fight again,' but the flesh protested, "Have a heart, Ray. We have fought 149 fights since, and we have been belted around some. This Basilio is no second rater. He bores in and won't retreat, no matter how rough the going. Let's call it a career."

If Robinson loses again, it will be the end of the road, the close of a career started away back in 1940.

For Basilio, this fight will be just another stop on the way, win or lose.

Robinson's history as a middleweight presents a ring saga without a match. It will be recollected that after having reigned gloriously as a welter Ray gained the middleweight title on February 14, 1951, by stopping the rugged Jake La Motta in thirteen rounds, in Chicago.

Robinson then lost the title to Randy Turpin on July 10, 1951, in London. However, they met again two months later, at the Polo Grounds in New York, and Randy went out in the tenth. Thus he achieved the crown a second time.

In 1952, Robinson made his ill-fated foray into the light heavy ranks and was stopped by the heat and Joey Maxim in fourteen rounds.

"I am through with the ring and henceforth will make my living in the night clubs. I can dance," Ray announced. During Ray's "retirement," Bobo Olson got the title.

But the clubs did not suit Robinson, and Robinson did not suit the festive circuit.

Ray went back to the ring on December 10, 1956, and won the middleweight title for the final time, stopping Olson in two. Soon Ray did it again, beating the unfortunate Bobo in four.

On January 2, 1957, Gene Fullmer wrested the title from Ray in a fifteen rounder in New York. But on May 1, 1957, Robbie stopped the man from Utah in the fifth, and for the fourth time, Ray had gained the middleweight title.

Then came the stunning setback by Basilio, and now comes Sugar's effort to gain the 160 pound championship for the fifth time.

It certainly does not look as if the Sugar man can do it. But, as Basilio knows, Robinson is a fighter of class, with determination, and a tremendous pride.

Can all of these qualities and attributes add up to the dethronement of the Onion Man? It does not look likely.

Likely or unlikely, Basilio plods along in the little Fifth Street Gym in Miami, his errors of last September in his mind's eye, and his confidence greater than ever.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By Ike Morales

WHEN ANDREW BROWN, THE NEW ORLEANS WELTERWEIGHT who lost only three fights in his career and numbered among his victims Virgil Akins, put up such a dull exhibition in 10 rounds with Billy Lynch of Hartford, Conn., in the Coliseum Arena that local fans began to wonder what was wrong. But, when Brown later said he remembered someone slipping him a pill, and that he felt "dopey" entering the ring, the boxing commission immediately started an investigation.

The following day the commission turned the case over to the District Attorney's office, and at a special meeting of the commission members, Secretary Emile Bruneau said that tests would be made to determine whether or not Brown actually was "doped."

First test by the coroner revealed there was no sign of benzendrine, as the commission members figured it might be, in Brown's system. But several other tests were to be made, contents of which were not revealed as this article went to press.

Shortly after his fight with Lynch, the local boy was asked about his weird performance.

"I dunno what was wrong with me. Felt like I was doped, or something. Just couldn't get going."

"Was Lynch's style the reason for your poor performance?"

"No, not at all. Just felt sluggish—felt like I was doped."

The victory was the 18th in a row for Lynch.

Brown, who entered the ring an 8-5 favorite, weighed 148½ pounds to Lynch's 145. Neither fighter was marked at the end of the 10th round.

Referee Frederick Adams and Judge Ernie Cojoe scored it 7-2-1 for Lynch, while Judge Roland Brown tabbed it nine rounds for Lynch and called one even. My score card was 9-1 for Lynch.

Reggie Williams, dropped four times, was given the decision over Solis Scott in their four rounder. I thought Scott deserved the duke. In the only other fight that lasted the distance, Oscar Walker displayed exceptional ability in whipping Willie Ranson. It was a good fight. The loss was the first suffered by Ranson as a pro.

Ted Robinson stopped Don Louvier in two rounds; Cliff Enliers of Mobile dropped Al Carter with a left hook to the jaw after which Referee Cojoe stopped it in two minutes, 30 seconds of the first round. Cal Campbell kayoed Jimmy Glover, Mobile, in two rounds.

A total of 1196 fans netted $1744.98 to see the show.

▶Tony Dupas, 155, younger brother to Ralph, and Herbie Rodriguez, 153, a couple of local middleweight rivals, rocked and socked each other for 10 rounds in the Coliseum Arena and when it was all over, young Dupas was declared the winner on a split decision.

A return bout was in the making, and Co-Promoters Bonnie Geigerman and Heard Ragas figured the encore would not only attract a larger crowd, but prove more interesting than the first meeting between Tony and Herbie.

Determination and ability to come from behind by winning the last two rounds turned defeat into victory for Whitey Esneault's mauling middleweight. But the margin was slim.

Rodriguez sent Dupas to the canvas in the first round with a left hook to the kisser. And Tony came back in the third to floor Rodriguez with a right to the jaw. Of the two, Rodriguez displayed better boxing ability. He outjabbed Tony and managed to rattle some dandy hooks to Dupas' bearded jaw. But the younger Dupas, undaunted by Herbie's left bouncing off his face, pressed his foe in almost every round.

Referee Lucien Jaubert and Judge Eddie Wolfe voted 5-4-1 for Dupas, while Judge Phil Gaffney scored it 6-4 for Rodriguez. My tab showed each fighter winning five rounds, with Dupas the winner on aggressiveness and stronger finish. Dupas weighed 155 pounds, Rodriguez, 153.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

THE month of January went by without one outstanding program on the Continent. There were no major promotions in Paris, Berlin or Milan and therefore we must look to the provincial towns for items of interest. The sudden emergence of Gracieux Lamperti gave food for thought, as the young Franchman halted Sneyers in Marseilles.

In Dortmund, Heinz Neuhaus regained lost prestige by drawing with Henry Cooper and over in Holland, Leen Jansen confirmed his standing by beating promising Hugo Köhler in Rotterdam and then Martin Hansen in Denmark. Albert Westphal sprung a surprise by licking Hans Friedrich and two new middleweight comers, Anewy of France and Wohlers of Germany, both added to their laurels with good wins.

The poor state of Belgian boxing is witnessed by the return of Emile Delmine, one of the old brigade and in France, fans were staggered by the win of veteran Dante Bini over Abdelkader Azzouz. Now for the results in detail.

▶ **Berlin**—We reported last month several of the Sports Palace bouts, in which Horst Niche drew with Bro and Manfred Hass and Helmuth Mistol won over Rachid Tabti and Lapourielle respectively. In the main event, Hans Wohlers had a difficult time against Sauveur Chiocca, the indolent but talented Corsican. Chiocca got the better of the last three rounds but had scarcely done enough to earn a draw, the final verdict.

Max Resch did not greatly impress in his middles slam with Robert Guivarch until the seventh round, when he hammered the Frenchman to such good effect that Guivarch raised his arms in token of surrender. Five thousand attended the program.

▶ **Karlsruhe, Germany**—For the first time since the war, a boxing show was put on here and drew a good attendance of 4,000 fans. Headliner Ernest Walter failed to live up to the occasion, however, being outscored by the moonfaced Spaniard, Manolo Correa, over eight rounds.

Ulli Ritter, 204, had plenty of advantage over the Dutch heavies champ, Willy Schagen, 176, but could only win on points over six rounds while Hugo Köhler, the fistic terror from Titoland, likewise missed an easy triumph and "only" outscored Gerhard Moll in a middles six. Herbert Schilling iced Alois Brand in the opening round of a lightie duel and Edgar Basel laced Jacques Delplace of France in a flyweight six. Heinz Klein drew with Walter Lembgen in a lightweight four.

▶ **Courtrai, Belgium**—Daniel Bole won over lightweight champ, Jo Woussem in ten rounds, non-title.

At Iseghem, Georges Devos returned to action with a points win over Eugene Servais in a lightweight eight.

▶ **Bilbao, Spain**—José Gonzales retained his national bauble when he stopped Mardaras in the fourth round of a heavies slam. Mardaras, who weighed one and a half stone more than the champ, had been heralded as a new Paolino.

▶ **At Barcelona**—Victoriano Olivares stopped Rubio in the third heat of a middles bout and Ben Ali, useful Moroccan southpaw, obliged Zaera to retire in the eighth round of a bantam slam. A few days later, at the same venue, Jesus Rubio scored over portsider Antonio Rius, in a bantam ten and Garriga licked Jaime Serrano in a lightweight eight.

▶ **Madrid, Spain**—Gil Suarez won in a good welter slam against Kid Daniel, despite the latter's rally during the final heats.

At Saragossa, José Cadalso was rather unlucky not to get the nod over José Manrique in a good lightweight eight and the local welter hope, Couto, won on points over Perez Artero.

▶ **In Barcelona**—José Luis Martinez successfully repelled the attacks of young Juan Merayo and whipped the newcomer soundly in a feathers eight.

▶ **Sassari, Italy**—There was jubilation in Sardinian fight circles when Gavino Furesi came back to his old form, trouncing highly-rated Sergio Milan in a classy feathers ten. Another local bantam Angelo Piu, was caught out by Ugo Milan, youngest of that fighting family, who bounced Piu three times to the deck in the first moments of the opening round, whereupon the towel was thrown in. Bruno Striani laced Enzo Domino in a lightie six.

At Cremona, the Spanish feather, José Crespo, domiciled in Italy, larruped Flaviano Ciancarelli over ten and Marino Faverzani surprised with a win over Angelo Idi in a middles eight. Giovanni Frigeri licked Franco Rizzotti in a welter six.

▶ **Udine, Italy**—Mario Vecchiatto kept busy with a very close points win over the classy French colonial, Ahcène Attar, in a lightie ten, while Gino Rossi hammered Mohamed Taïbi to defeat in the seventh heat of a middles outing.

▶ **In Genoa**—Luigi Furio stopped Di Martino in the fifth of a welter duet and Antonio Pippa outfought Gianni Calabrese in a middles eight.

At Lugo, Bruno Ravaglia won over Franco Antonini in a lightie eight and Zampaglione nodded Loris Bardi in a lightie six.

▶ **Nice, France**—The colored American feather, Bobby Bell, was unexpectedly checked in his second European outing by Francis Bonnardel, who held the invader to a draw here over ten rounds. Roger Malatrez scored over Dante Madella of Italy in a middles ten.

At the Paris Central, Charles Sylla halted Pierre De Souza in the seventh of a bantam affair.

▶ **Abidjan, French West Africa**—Jules Touan regained some lost gorund by a convincing beating the skilful Filipino, Tanny Campo, here in a first class feathers fray over ten rounds. Yao Kouamé was lucky to get the nod over Erwin Hack of Germany in a very level cruiser eight.

▶ **Marseilles, France**—Even though he scored eight wins without once suffering defeat in 1957, Gracieux Lamperti was not conceded much chance against the superb Belgian stylist, Jean Sneyers. But the local feather sailed into the invader with great gusto, moving faster and hitting more frequently than Sneyers who is a notoriously slow starter. Sneyers was butted during the third round and protested. In the fourth he suffered a cut eyebrow which bled so profusely that the bout was halted in Lamperti's favor. This victory puts the Crosican right up behind Cherif Hamia.

On the same card, which drew a full house of 6,000, Fernand Nollett drew with tough Giuseppe Marotto in a lightie ten and local lightweight André Corvasce stopped Chrêtien in three.

▶ **Paris**—At the Central—Joseph N'Gan—tough welter from Darkest Africa, proved too good for Roger Facqueur and whipped the Norman over ten rounds while René Nanquette decisioned Brahim Kettani, oft-defeated Algerian, in a welter six.

▶ **At the Salle Wagram**—The new middles hope, Mahmoud le Noir, came unstuck against the science of Marius Dori, who outboxed the dangerous Tunisian over ten rounds. Sauveur Benamou stopped Roger Menotti in the fifth of a lightie discussion and Jean Debondant outscored Assane Samba in a welter eight.

▶ **Liege, Belgium**—Sauveur Chiocca, after an uncertain start in the middleweight class, seems to have found his feet and proved this by soundly outfighting the Belgian hitter, Abel Soudan, over ten. In two welter bouts, Pierre Wouters nodded the Dutchman, Frits van Kempen, over ten rounds and Felix Walgraeve beat Ahmed Nechat of France over six. Latest feathers prospect, Lambert Dumont, outdistanced Eddie Roelandts over eight rounds.

▶ **Caudry, France**—Heavyweight titles do not excite much interest in France, so title-defenses go generally to provincial towns. Robert Duquesne retained his laurels here in grand style, massacring young Max Brianto in three rounds. The victory does not add to the champ's prestige, though the French press greeted the win with accolades for Duquesne. Brianto has been pushed too fast. Jean Vankerschaver beat Collot in a middles six.

▶ **Dortmund, Germany**—At the Westfalen Hall, Heinz Neuhaus, 211, tried to bring off a coup at the expense of Britain's Henry Cooper but was unsuccessful inasmuch as the visitor held him to a split decision—a draw. Cooper survived an early knockdown to come back in the later rounds with speedy combinations which dazzled the Teuton.

Willi Quattuor became the new feathers champion by outscoring Alfred Schweer in a fumbling twelve-rounder and in two middles debates, Ernst Walter shared the honors with Ahmed Fahrat of Tunis in a scintillating six and Rolf Peters out-roughed Ray Mocques of France, also in six.

Erich Schöppner was served an easy victim in the person of Ivano Fontana, the 31-year old Italian cruiser, who was knocked cold in the fourth heat. Fontana only had one fight last year, was no test for the German. The attendance was 7,000.

▶ **Paris**—At the Stadium—Antoine Martin chalked up another good win, with André Bernard on the receiving end for eight rounds in their feathers duel. Assane Fakyh,

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 1958)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Gaetano Garbelli (I)
3. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Erich Schoppner (G)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
4. Wm. Besmanoff (G)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Bruno Visintin (I)
5. Mino Bozzano (I)	Wim Snoek (H)	Max Resch (G)	Valere Benedetto (F)
6. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Charles Colin (F)	Leen Jansen (H)	Gunter Hase (G)
7. Albert Westphal (G)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Andre Drille (F)	Jacq. Herbillon (F)
8. Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Uwe Janssen (G)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Fortunato Manca (I)
9. Hans Friedrich (G)	Sandro D'Ottavio (I)	Francois Anewy (F)	Abd ben Buker II (S)
10. Jose Gonzales (S)	Gilbert Chapron (F)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Maurice Auzel (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Lahouri Godih (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Mario d'Agata (I)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Felix Chiocca (F)	Gracieux Lamperti (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Robert Pollazon (F)
4. Fred Galiana (S)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Jose Ogazon (S)
5. Piet van Klaveren(H)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Jean Guerrard (F)
6. Bobby Ros (F)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Edgar Basel (G)
7. Marcello Padovani (I)	Giordano Campari (I)	Eugene Le Cozannet (F)	Andre Gasperini (F)
8. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Aldo Previsani (I)	Dante Bini (F)	Christian Marchand (F)
9. Fernand Nollet (F)	Louis Poncy (F)	Abdelkader Azzouz (F)	Henri Schmid (F)
10. Germano Cavalieri (F)	Letterio Petilli (I)	Alex Bollaert (B)	Francisco Carreno (S)

LEGEND: B Belgium; F France; G Germany; H Holland; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden.

the Lebanese southpaw, stopped Latrèche in the second session of a lightie bout.

At the Central, Gilbert Souday edged out Armand Meyer in a welter eight and Jacques Delplace won over Maurice Grignon in a bantam eight.

▶ **At Epernay**—Robert Meunier proved that a trial-horse can also kick by icing José Alvarez in 76 seconds of the opening round.

At Lyons—André Vairolatto chilled Claude Richard in the second heat of a feathers fray. Demé Mamadou, local Greek feather, stopped Ben Zahia in the sixth.

At Boulogne—Michel Masson decisioned Umberto Paccagnella in a good middles ten.

▶ **Calais, France**—René Sauvage stopped André Canler in the sixth heat of a cruiser bout and Léon Labaj debuted with a draw against Goubelle in a heavies six.

▶ **Brussels, Belgium**—Still pulling in the crowds is veteran Kid Dussart, who narrowly defeated Jef Janssens in a good welter ten. Michel Le Riguier, a young French middle very popular in Belgium, stopped Marcel Poulain in seven and Bob Roger won a close affair from Bernard Lambert in a feathers eight. Jean Hoeffler nodded Brahim Kettani in a welter ten.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain**—At the Gran Price, Manuel Salcedo proved too expert for Gil Suarez, winning clearly in a good welter ten. Domingo Lopez and Victoriano Olivares drew in a tame middles eight.

At the same venue, Garriga won easily enough over José Basora in a lightweight eight and Frank Garcia won from Hervas in a nifty lightie six.

▶ **Rome**—The national feathers king, southpaw Sergio Caprari, was in a hurry against Farncis Bonnardel and blitzed the Frenchman with a left hook early in the second round.

Giulio Rinaldi outpunched Giovanni Moriggi in a cruiser six, Franco Scisciani trounced Roger Maziou of France in a middles six and in two welter sixes, Ferdinando Proietti beat Aldo Aversa and Angelo Silo nodded Ruggeri.

▶ **At Mantua**—Aristide Pozzali was lacking in punch when he outfought Sylvano Pietrangeli in a close flyweight eight.

▶ **Geneva, Switzerland**—Michel Diouf won a rather unsatisfactory ten-rounder against the Italian, Remo Carati, while Rafiu King halted the Italian feathers novice, Bruno Polet, who retired with an injured foot.

A week later at the same venue, Maurice Auzel, redoubtable French welter, paid another call to the City of Goodwill. Auzel didn't display any peaceful intentions towards Luigi Male, knocking out the Italian veteran in the seventh round. Luigi's kid brother, Agostino Male, was likewise stopped in four rounds by another Frenchman, Jackie Chaveau, in a lightweight debate.

▶ **Milan, Italy**—In the sole professional bout on a mixed card, Santo Amonti obliged Angelo Grego to retire in the third heat of a cruiser slugfest.

At Brindisi—Franco Pinto won well over the French welter, Claude Lapleige, in eight rounds.

▶ **In Venice**—Those two tearaway lightweights, Germano Cavalieri and Mario Vecchiatto met once again to decide supremacy but on this occasion were unable to gain more than a draw despite a tremendous battle.

Bruno Scarabellin, the "Hercules of the Lakes" as he is called, stopped Louis Debolster, Belgian heavy, in one round and brother Plinio Scarabellin made his pro debut by icing Gianni Calabrese in thirty seconds of the opening round, lightheavies.

Angelo Rampin nodded Matteo Scarano in a flyweight six and Ivan Tombolini whipped Flaviano Ciancarelli in a feathers eight. Bruno Ilagi won over Giancarlo Brusa in a middles six.

▶ **Paris**—At the Salle Wagram, Felix Chiocca was not unduly ruffled in his lightweight encounter with the Portuguese, Jean Dos Santos and won hands down over ten rounds. Mohamed Ould also had an easy time of it, stopping Charles Raf of Belgium in the fourth of a feathers duet.

▶ **At the Mutualite**—Francois Anewy confirmed his high rating by outscoring difficult Gilbert Lavoine, the 36-year old gamecock, in a middles ten. Jacques Belon stopped Roger Ferragu in the seventh of a welter affair.

▶ **Paris**—At the Stadium—the early heats of the Assane Diouf Belt competition were run off. Michel Serenus nodded Pate, Denis Flores beat Lucien Menu and Jean Michaud got the better of Zamarian, all six-rounders. At the Central, Roland Roy defeated Guy

History repeated itself at Bologna, Italy, where Franco Cavicchi once again kayoed the veteran Italian heavyweight champion Uber Bacilieri, in six rounds.

Schatt in a bantam eight and Belarbi beat Cottet in a welter six.

▶ **Hamburg, Germany**—Albert Westphal, a square-rigged blond, thumped his way into the heavyweight picture with a good points win over Hans Friedrich. The craggy Hamburger lambasted Friedrich in the early rounds but the latter fought back well in the fourth, fifth and sixth and it was thanks to a grand finale that Westphal brought off the victory, after eight hard rounds.

Constant Alcantara is no longer the Sable Slasher of yesteryear but he offered plenty of problems for Hans Wohlers to solve. After a ding-dong battle, Wohlers dropped his man for good in the seventh, with a right to the head and a left to the liver.

Uwe Janssen, 173, was in great form and stopped promising Hans Ducree, 168, in three while Manfred Hass, 157, likewise knocked out Herbert Soodmann, 160, in the third round.

Helmut Mistol, 149, tried hard to put the skids under Gerhard Moll, 158, but had to be satisfied with a points win over six rounds. The attendance was 5,000.

▶ **Rotterdam, Holland**—There was a full house at the Riviera Hall when Leen Jansen took on the young Austrian middles comer, Hugo Köhler, who must find it hard for his prowess to live up to his rep. For Köhler already has a kayo rep, though his bout with Jansen was only his ninth pro start. Jansen dominated the visitor from start to finish and it was only thanks to his sheer physical strength and determination that the Austrian did so well.

Jo Lamers, a previous victim of Köhlers, chilled René Sauvage of France in two rounds and Hein van der Zee won over Gerhard Topf, Austrian bantam, in six rounds. The Indonesian, Toon Schuurmans, defeated Claude Perard, French welter, over eight.

▶ **At Amsterdam**—Harko Kokmeyer decisioned Theun Brommer in a welter ten.

▶ **Luxembourg**—Wernar Wiegand recovered some lost ground by outpointing the strong German heavy, Ossi Buttner, over ten rounds here while Horst Niche bested Ray Schmitt in a cruiser eight. Klaus Jacobsen, a German domiciled in the Grand Duchy, debuted with a draw against Claude Chédeville of France in a welter six.

▶ **Marseilles, France** — Mohamed Omari scored another win here, trouncing Salvatore Vangi in a good feathers ten at the Variety Theater.

▶ **At the Paris Central**—René Nanquette stopped Ceslaw Matusak in the third round of a middles maul and Henri Cordier-Galetti beat Henri Buyle in a slow middles eight.

▶ **In Paris** once again, Dante Bini threw a spanner in the works of promoter Benaim by defeating the promising bantam comer, Abdelkader Azzouz, in a gory ten-rounder. Bini showed great class. Marcel Dupré drew with Manuel Sosa in a lightie eight and another upset was the defeat of René Libeer, former amateur star, who was beaten in his debut by Idrissa Diop in a flyweight six.

▶ **Besancon, France**—Michel Lombardet won a close verdict here from Michel Francois in a good welter ten.

▶ **At Soissons**—Francois Kania stiffened Paul Van Damme of Belgium in the second sessions of a cruiser debate.

▶ **At St. Quentin**—Paul Roux won over Renzo Macor in a heavyweight eight.

▶ **In Paris**—Jackie Chauveau beat Georges Sittler at the Central.

In a welter eight at the Stadium, further heats of the Assane Diouf Competition were fought out. Owing to absentees, two former losers were brought back in and thus Zamarian beat Pate and Beaugrand won over André Couet.

▶ **Jemappes, Belgium**—Richard Bouchez returned to action once more, winning comfortably over the Spanish middleweight, Domingo Mena, recently returned from Cuba. On the same bill, Emile Delmine came out of retirement to put the skids under Jean Milaire in the opening frame of a middles bout.

▶ **At Maurage**—Roger Moine bested Hector Bizon in a feathers eight.

▶ **Bologna, Italy**—History repeated itself here when Uber Bacilieri, veteran heavyweight champion, tangled again with Franco Cavicchi. The latter proved that he is still riding the crest of a wave by demolishing the hardy champion in six rounds and winding it up with a clean knockout.

Mario De Persio suffered a severe blow to his pride when he was outpointed by aggressive Giannino Luise in an upset affair. De Persio was dropped in the second round and again in the fifth. Bruno Scarabellin was not too impressive against the Belgian champion, Alain Cherville, but won over eight rounds after a fair scrap while Stagni trimmed Renzo Merlotti over six. Umberto Vernaglione won handily over the modest Belgian welter, Georges Devos, in eight rounds. Attendance 8,000.

▶ **Paris**—At the Salle Wagram, Antoine Martin got the better of Ahcène Dib in a whirlwind feathers scrap over ten fast rounds. Edouard Lewko defeated Sorriaux in a middles eight.

▶ **At the Sports Palace in Rome**—Bruno Visintin once more demonstrated that he is one of Europe's leading welters by soundly whipping Kid Dussart of Belgium on points.

Dom Baccheschi likewise furthered his ambitions by halting Marcel Tirel, blond French cruiser, in seven and Franco Scisciani, middles prospect, obliged Paulon to retired in the sixth. Ferdinando Proietti trimmer Renzo Ruggeri in a welter six and Cossia drubbed Gastone Casarico in a lightweight eight.

▶ **Geneva, Switzerland**—Still plying his trade in the Alpine Republic is Maurice Auzel, stiff-clouting French welter, who banged out his compatriot, Jacques Bouhier, in the seventh round.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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What an offer considering what flyweights in past years received for championship fights! I couldn't help but hark back to the days when American flyweights who ruled the roost in their field were fighting for peanuts compared to what the boys of to-day receive.

Perez, one of the hardest hitters in the past quarter of a century, figures to hold on to his title for some time, though rumors in Buenos Aires have him ready to hang up his gloves by September. If he does, boxing will be the loser. Perez has an offer from George Parnassus, Los Angeles matchmaker to meet Dommy Ursua, the same flyweight whom Besa wants to match with Pascual. Parnassus is willing to guarantee the champion $35,000 with an option of 30% of the gate but Koci has accepted a fight in Caracas with Ramon Arias, instead, for late in March. For this the champion will receive $40,000.

There isn't a flyweight in years who has had such huge offers as has Pascual Perez. He packs 'em in South and Central American rings.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

GILBERT AND EMILE DIPP, OWNERS OF ARENA OLIMPICA-LAGUNA, have now a new promoter. Oldtimer Manuel "The Bear" Mateos is the man.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA—Gomez Palacio. Fidel Lucero, 130, the fighting craneboy from American Smelting, is now the Lightweight Champion of La Laguna. Lucero, looking fine, outpointed hard hitter Antonio "Zorrito" Ramirez, 130, after 12 rough rounds. Zorrito's big punch exploded during the ninth round when he got a right uppercut into Lucero's midsection to send the craneboy for a 7 seconds count.

In the scheduled 10 round semi, Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 126, iced Henry Macias, 122, in only two rounds. In other tenner, Facundo Martinez, 121, upset Juanito Mendoza, 118, after being floored in the third.

Pedro Rodriguez, 126, outpointed Memo Carreon, 126, in four. Martin Varela, 117, stopped Baby Loza, 116, in the third.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA—Gomez Palacio. Carlos Arregui, 135, finished strong and got the duke over Vicente Ramirez, 133, in ten rounds. Ignacio "TunTun" Torres, 115, surprised everybody when he defeated hard favorite Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 119, in ten. Feliciano Barrientos, 127, former Golden Gloves Champ, decisioned Ubaldo Lopez, 123, in eight. Cain Rogero, 123, bested veteran Lucio Polina Hidalgo, 123, in six rounds. Martin Varela, 117, beat Javier Gonzalez, 117, in four.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA—Gomez Palacio. Claudio Adame, 126, floored Heliodoro Hernandez, 124, five times and kayoed the guy for keeps in the fifth round. Newcomer Facundo Martinez, 119, scored a 5-round knockout over willing-mixer Papelero Campos, 122. Manuel "Chamaco" Castro, 137, and Federico "Chino" Gonzalez, 134, drew after eight well-fought rounds. Pedro Rodriguez, 127, iced Gustavo Ohm, 123, in the very first round. Luis Gonzalez, 117, decisioned Martin Varela, 117, in four.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA — Gomez Palacio. Gregorio "Goyo" Flores, 111, had to work hard to get a 10-round triumph over gallant Jose "Chiquilin" Torres, 115, Mexico City. Goyo, maybe the best flyweight prospect in Mexico since a lot of years, floored his bantamweight foe for a 9-second count in the seventh.

Vincente Ramirez, 134, received a very booed 10-round decision triumph over Pedro Rodriguez, 137, Chihuahua. Little Raul Olmos, 116, stopped Carlos Castillo, 117, in three. Pedro Rodriguez, 126, kayoed Memo Carreon, 126, in the second. Luis Gonzalez, 117, bested Javier Gonzalez, 117, in four.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA — Gomez Palacio. Claudio Adame, 125, fighting like a little wolf, destroyed famous veteran Otilio "Zurdo" Galvan, 126, in six rounds. He floored his foe two times.

Federico "Chino" Gonzalez, 131, decisioned Manuel "Chamaco" Castro, 132, in ten rounds. Raul Olmos, 115, got the 8-round duke over Roman Rodriguez, 117, former National Bantamweight Champion of the simon pures. Gustavo Ohm, 126, nailed Memo Carreon, 126, in three. Manuel de la Rosa, 121, outscored Javier Gonzalez, 119, in four rounds.

▶ FRESNILLO:—Salvador Vera, 135, won a decision over Lupe Garcia, 133, in twelve rounds. The match was for the Zacatecas' Lightweight Championship. Mike Ponce, 135, outpointed Toro Carranza, 137, in the 10-round semi.

▶ ZACATECAS:—Ricardo Manzanillo Jr., 125, halted Raul Leanos, 118, in four rounds.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Jesus Celes, 144, nailed Bombero Gonzalez, 142, in five rounds.

▶ ACAPONETA:—Arnoldo Gil or Arnold Hill, 143, embalmed Huitlacoche Jimenez, 148, in nine. Not too easy that "easy" fight for Arnoldo!

▶ ACAPULCO:—Chiquis Rosales, 116, bolted Chocolate Barrera, 115, in nine. Efrain Quintana, 121, stopped Tony Maya, 125, in the seventh.

▶ TAPACHULA:—Sergio Gomez, 125, bested Luis Trejo, 128, in ten. Marcel Montoya, 117, outpointed Fernando Gomez, 116, also in ten rounds.

▶ MORELIA:—Jose "Memo" Diez, 116, high ranked little guy, put the red light to Eddie "Chilero" Luna, 114, in five rounds. Roberto Pinon, 134, iced veteran washed-off Pepe Montes, 132, in the third. Salvador Garcia, 155, defeated Gabriel Diaz, 160, in ten rounds.

▶ DURANGO:—Hector Garcia, 131, easily decisioned Kid Filipino (Pascual Jimenez), 134, in ten rounds. Kid Alacran, 132, bested Libe Zavala, 131, also in a tener. Cain Rogero, 123, iced Juan Jimenez, 120, in two.

▶ MONTERREY:—Battling Torres, 125, put Chucho Mejia, 127, to sleep in the last round of their scheduled tener.

▶ FRESNILLO:—After all, we also have heavyweights around here! Cuevas II, 198, demolished Pete Rojas, 200, in four rounds. Toro Carranza, 138, stopped Negro Calavera, 143, in the third. Well, here you have a "real" nickname: Negro Calavera, which means Black Skull. Oh boy!

▶ TAPACHULA: — Marcel Montoya, 116, halted Baby Solis, 115, in two.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Luis Trejo, 127, whipped Cachorro Meza, 126, in ten. Hector Ramirez, 130, beat Jose Lomeli, 127, also in ten rounds.

▶ ZACATECAS:—Apolinar Huerta, 144, outpointed Manny Lopez, 140, in ten rounds.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Al Urbina, 130, nailed Humberto Vilchis, 133, in the third. Marcelino Gomez, 125, stopped Toro Padilla, 123, in seven rounds.

▶ MONTERREY: — Arnoldo Gil (Arnold Hill), 144, got a very split 10-round duke over Ray Portilla, 148, Houston. Rudy Corona, 120, sent Nicho Gonzales, 119, to the Kayo Paradise in five rounds.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Joe Becerra, 118, high ranked man by RING, slammed super veteran Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 116, in only four rounds. The bout was a scheduled twelve for the Jalisco's Bantamweight Crown.

▶ LEON:—Bernabe "Babe" Vazquez, 135, National Lightweight Champ, scored a 6-round knockout over Jose Galicia, 136. The defeated, a modest guy, visited the canvas by three times. Filiberto "Fili" Nava, 124, halted Oscar Torres, 123, in five. Victor Torres, 163, decisioned Gabriel Diaz, 161, in ten.

▶ TAMPICO:—Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 149, got a very valuable 10-round duke over Juan "Bombin" Padilla, 146, National Welterweight Champion.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

THE 1958 MEXICO CITY BOXING SEASON STARTED ON JANUARY 8, with a Wednesday show. Saturday fights were fairly good, particularly main events which included Medel-Guerrero and Garcia-Figueroa combinations. The results follow:

▶ Hilario Morales, 127, stopped Luis Gutierrez, 121, in 5. Chebo Vazquez, 127, stopped Yuyin Trejo, 129, in 5. Chilo Barranco, 128, stopped Aurelio Mora, 130, in 4. Manuel Esparza, 128, decisioned Jose Vega, 127, in 6. Enrique Garcia, 120, decisioned Ciro Entzana, 115, in 4.

▶ Joe Medel, 117, decisioned Eduardo Guerrero, 117, in 10. The match was very good, with Medel showing a good left. Al Urbina, 126, stopped Luis Buendia, 126, in the ninth round, with a right upper which dropped Luis dead to the canvas. Carlos Loyola, 134, stopped Arnulfo Ramirez, 134, in 2. Luis Estrada, 118, stopped Ernesto Quevedo, 118, in the sixth and last round. Catarino Jimenez, 118, decisioned Tomas Mendoza, 118, in 4.

▶ Eloy Sanchez, 117, decisioned Ray Ruiz, 115, in 10. Tono Coria, 127, stopped Roberto Lagunes, 130, in 4. Alex Jimenez, 113, stopped Nando Carbajal, 111, in 7. Manuel Santamaria, 108, stopped Miguel Ulloa, 110, in 3. Julio Martinez, 120, decisioned Benjamin Matias, 120, in 4.

▶ Angel Guerrero, 125, decisioned Moi Torres, 125, in 10. Javier Garfias, 116, stopped Reynaldo Tavio, 114, Cuba, in 4. Chucho Hernandez, 118, stopped Torito Mota, 118, in 7. Cuervo Salinas, 112, and Monito Luna, 112, drew in 6. Negro Vela, 118, decisioned Gallito Segundo, 118, in 4.

▶ Beto Carbajal, 130, stopped Juanito Martinez, 136, in 6. Gabriel Navarro, 129, decisioned Enrique Castillo, 128, in 8. Heriberto Saucedo, 117, decisioned Tibico Torres, 117, in 8. Vicente Hernandez, 121, decisioned Emilio Santillan, 123, in 6. Arturo Salazar, 123, decisioned Chon Velazquez, 118, in 4.

▶ Roberto Garcia, 126, stopped Ernesto Figueroa, 124, in the tenth and last round of the main event. Manuel Jimenez, 126, decisioned Lalo Camarena, 126, in 10. Juanene Garcia, 126, decisioned Nacho Rosales, 126, in 8. Guillermo Vega, 118, decisioned Joe Guerrero, 118, in 6. Sergio Badillo, 117, decisioned Angel Sandoval, 118, in 4.

▶ Marcelo Vargas, 145, stopped Chalio Duran, 139, in the tenth and last round of the star bout. Chebo Vazquez, 125, and Emilio Olivares, 125, drew in 10. Kid Tlaxcala, 134, decisioned Juan Leyva, 134, in 8. Hector Aceves, 122, stopped Tony Alvarez, 119, in the sixth round. Mosco Vargas, 118, stopped Julio Martinez, 119, in one.

BOXING IN JUAREZ

By Manuel Prieto

JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM: Alfredo Zuany, Juarez, Mex., 191½, won easily over Ottis Fuller, 190¾, Los Angeles, by K.O. in the fourth round.

The taller Fuller was no match for the much improved Zuany, who scored his 19th victory in 20 pro fights. A hard right to the jaw sent the lanky Californian completely cold to the canvas.

Luis Sanchez, 125½, Chihuahua, was too strong for Daniel Olivares, 126½, Cd. Juarez, winning by points in six rounds. Sanchez scored two knockdowns in the first heat, but Olivares fought gamely the rest of the thrilling fight.

Marcelino Vargas, 133½, El Paso, won by TK.O. in the fifth over Oscar Tinoco, 133½, Veracruz.

Juan Valles, 137½, Juarez, kept his record clean of defeats, winning over Jesus Lopez, 137½, Juarez, by K.O. in the third. Valles looked good.

Al Melendez, 143, Juarez, won a decision over Al Cintron, 143, El Paso, in four rounds.

BOXING IN PANAMA

By Juan W Copeland

EDWIN SYKES, 117¾, KNOCKED OUT ALBERTO "TOTO" IBARRA, 117, at a show promoted by Torres Brothers and became the bantam king of Panama. The kayo came in the thirteenth round in the Nacional Gym.

Roberto Murillo, 123, gave Basilio Williams, 127½, a beating to gain the unanimous decision in the six round semi-final.

Valentin Brown, 128¼, knocked out Mario Rivas, 127½, in the opening round.

Serafin Garcia, 124½, won the unanimous verdict over Jose Perez, 125¾, in four rounds.

▶ At the Nacional Gymnasium, Melvin Bourne gained the unanimous verdict over Claudio Martinez, brother of Isidro, in a good 10 rounder. Bourne weighed 123 and Martinez, 121½. This was Bourne's second victory in three fights. The fight was promoted by Egbert Reid.

In the semi-final Fenley Hooker, 136, kayoed Panama Carlos Ortiz, 136½, in the fifth round.

Valentin Brown, 126, stopped. Luis Alberto Arispe, 124¾, in round one.

David Wright, 127, won the unanimous decision over Lenny McIndoo, 126.

▶ The Torres Brothers staged another show in which Felix Chuchu Gutierrez, 118¾, of Cuba, won a split verdict over Panama's Byron Cumberbatch, 118¾.

Rodolfo (Tito) Marshall, 125, won a split decision over Vicente Worrell, 125½, in 6. Arturo Smith, 133, stopped Ezequiel Arroyo, 132, in the third and Herman Aguillera, 124, won a unanimous decision over Cirilo Urriola, 127, in 4.

The Torres Brothers staged a lively affair at the Olympic Stadium where Panama's "interim" feather champ, Jesus Santamaria, 126, scored a unanimous decision over the Cuban, Huesito Gonzales, 125½, in 10 rounds. Santamaria was an easy victor. It was his twelfth victory as a pro.

In the 8 rounds semi-final, Lorenzo Samuels, 111½, chalked up his second triumph as a pro, defeating Baby Quiros, 109½. It was the latter's first fight in a number of years.

Escobito Rivas, 124, TKO'ed Felix Gondola, 126, in 1:58 of the third round. Jose Felix, 119½, earned a split verdict over Cisco Kid, 118, in four rounds.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, RAY CAMPBELL, PROMOTER:—Floyd East, Lake Charles, carrying an undefeated record into the ring at the Sportatorium against Ray Riojas, was kayoed in the ninth round. Riojas weighed 135, as did East.

Harold Redman, 158, Beaumont, stopped Herman Carroll, 160, Lake Charles, in the fifth round. Dean Schearin, 135, Port Arthur, had his hands full but won over the brawling kid from Meridian, Miss., Earl Warren, 136, in a four round thriller. Ray Conway, 147, Houston, began his money career as a pugilist on the right foot by edging Shelton Guillory, 145, Port Arthur, in a four.

▶ **Beaumont, Texas, Ray Campbell, Promoter:**—Ray Riojas returned to the Sportatorium, the scene of two earlier triumphs, and this time dealt a loss to Dave Dupas of New Orleans in the 10 round feature. A real war between two willing mixers. Riojas scaled 136, Dupas, 138.

Harold Redman, 158, Beaumont, tossed enough bombs to win a six round duke from Jesse Gray, 157, New Orleans. Bobby Henry, 130, young but experienced scrapper who now makes his home in Beaumont, stowed away veteran Sonny Lane, 135, Houston, for keeps in the second round. Curt Woolwine, 148, Beaumont, brought all of his rough house tactics into play, and had the decision called against him in a rousing, brutal four round contest with Ray Conway, 147, Houston—both were cut. In a special five round bout, Bobby Garza, 133, Corpus Christi, was a bit too ringwise for Willie Byrd, 135, Lake Charles, and had his hand raised at the finish.

▶ **Victoria, Texas, Austin Boxing Club:**—State welterweight king, Mel Barker of Austin, turned on the steam to stop Johnny Guebara of San Antonio in the eighth round of an action packed bout at Victoria. Jimmy Parks, the referee, decided Guebara had taken enough punishment after Barker sent the Alamo City welter's mouthpiece flying with a sizzling right hand to the jaw. Barker came in at a heavy 152, while Guebara was two pounds lighter at 150.

Tano Serna, 127, San Marcos, beat Joe O'Toole, 124, San Antonio, in the 10-round semi-windup. Serna tired badly after the seventh round, but had piled up a wide margin in the earlier rounds.

Pat "Bull" Brown, 140, Victoria's most popular money fighter, added the scalp of Raul San Miguel, 142, San Antonio, to his victory belt by throwing too much leather for his southpaw opponent in a six round thriller. Rocky Contreras, 127, San Marcos, stopped Richard Sandival, 125, San Antonio, in the third round, and Byron Steele, 150, San Antonio, iced Armando Platta, 152, Mexico, in one heat.

▶ **ODDS & ENDS . . .** Buddy Turman, Tyler heavyweight, was a decisive winner over Alvin Williams in a 10 round feature attraction at Tyler in January. . . . Dale Davis, the Senath, Mo., welter, and one of the South's fastest rising youngsters, outboxed Jimmy Leach, Daytona Beach, Fla., in a whale of a 10 round fight at Kennett, Mo. A crowd of 1,500 attended the first professional show in Kennett in years, and the enthusiastic onlookers got their money's worth. . . . Boudreaux annexed the Louisiana welterweight title by outscoring Irish Johnny McKoin at Monroe, Louisiana, on January 20th, in a tremendous thriller. . . . Robert E. Lee, Billy DeFoe's lanky 150 pounder who was a highly regarded fighter, has been in the Army for the past eight months, and his weight has soared to 190.

Benny King has a real find in Matt Plachy the Hungarian refugee, who was Hungary's Olympic representative in the middleweight class. Matt now makes his home in Houston. You'll be hearing plenty from King and Plachy. . . . My address is 4903 Laurel, Bellaire, Texas.

BOXING IN SONORA
By Eduardo Campillo

HERE IS MY REPORT OF ALL FIGHTS TAKING PLACE IN SONORA during January:

Obregon—Tonny Navarro (129) won over Zorro Verdugo (127) in four.

Memo Esquer (138) defeated Henri Cruz (146) in four.

Ciclon Alvarez, 133, kayoed Jorge Chavez, 135, in the third round. Good fight.

Carlos Loyola, (135) from Mexico City, in a thrilling fight won by a ko. over Benny Suarez (127) from Hermosillo, Son.

Jorge Castro (160) former middle weight Mexican champion, won over Pinky Peralta, (153) in ten.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By Bus Burke

LOU WALLACH'S INITIAL 1958 FISTIC PROMOTIONAL venture was a howling success financially as well as most pleasing to the 1,032 boxing starved fight fans in attendance on his pro card which was staged at the Lafayette Avenue, ST. LOUIS HOUSE. This Auditorium was scaled to seat 1,400 fans with the ducats priced at $1.00, $2.00 and $3.00. The show grossed $2,118.80.

Wallach plans to run bi-monthly or monthly or which ever proves popular. This was the first pro card to be presented in St. Louis since May of 1957.

Jesse Bowdry, St. Louis, 176, stopped Norm Boldren, Detroit, 177½, in the third round of a scheduled eight rounder.

Joey Reynolds, St. Louis, 137, knocked out Danny Davis, St. Paul, 137¾, in the fourth round.

Wally Johnson, Chicago, 146½, decisioned A. Jones, St. Louis, 152, in six rounds.

Jack McCracken, St. Louis, 167½, stopped Young Bobby Jones, Gary, Ind., in 27 seconds of the second round.

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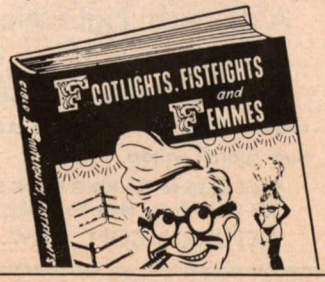

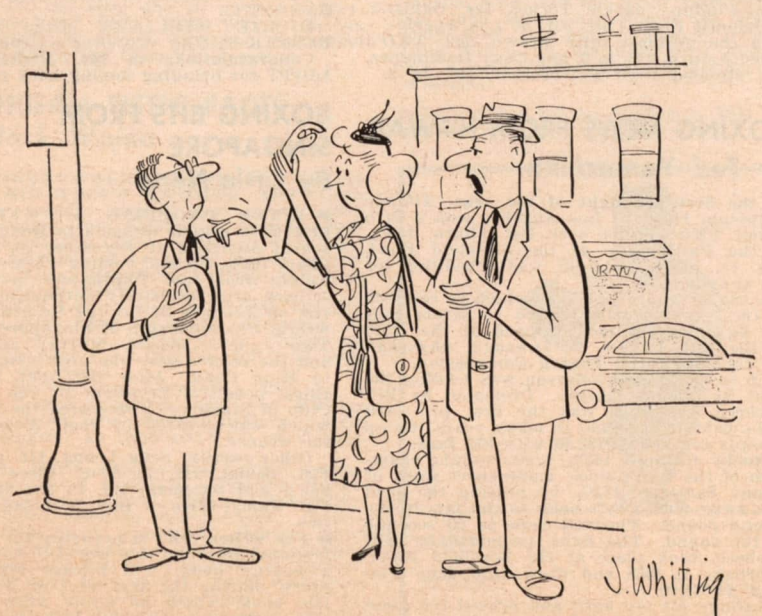

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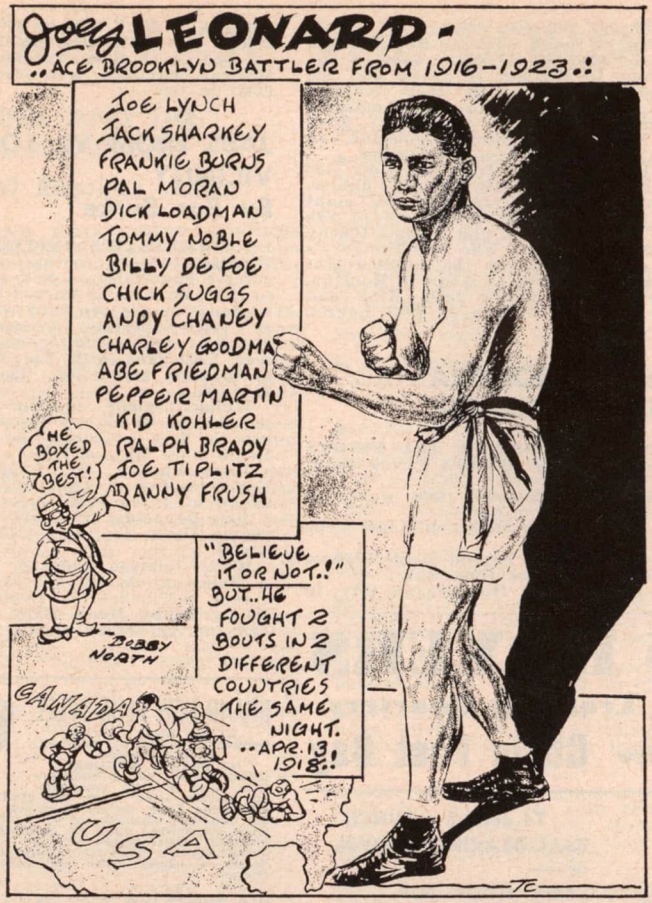

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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Attitude of Joey's admirers was summed up by one Sacramento fan:

"Brown looks to be a really capable champion, and we have no excuses for Joey losing to him. Our only regret was that the title fight was not held in San Francisco's Cow Palace. It would have broken all records for lightweights bouts in Northern California—maybe $90,000. For a title fight it brought a very small gate in the Middle West.

"Brown probably would have won just as convincingly—but both fighters would have had a major payday.

Throughout the fight Lopes depended on straight boxing, seldom trading punches in close.

Point consensus for Lopes, 99-94. Weights, Carter, of Aiken, S. C., 138; Lopes, 137. They fought in Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium and co-promoters were Jack King and Fred Pearl. Pete Morelli referred.

Prelim results: Baby Leroy, 138, TKO'd Jimmy Mackey in 4; Ernie Virgen, 139, dec. Al Carroll, 135, in 6; George Page, 137, dec. Kenneth Gordon, 138, in 4.

▶ Jimmy Cosenza, of Richmond, Northern California's most active promoter in 1956 and 1957, is one of the few ring impresarios who will feature flyweights in main events. A capable fistic exponent who is usually on call for such an assignment is Jimmy Abeyta, California flyweight champion, who lives in neighboring Oakland.

Abeyta's state title was not at stake when he won a whirlwind ten rounder against Herman Marquez of Stockton at the Auditorium in Richmond. Weights: Abeyta, 115; Marquez, 117.

Referee Jack Downey voted 97-94 for Abeyta. A crowd of 1297 contributed a gross gate of $1935.

It was quite a program of weight contrasts, as heavies engaged in the ten round semi-windup. Jackie Torme, 194, Oakland, decisioned Ernie Cab, 201, of Los Angeles.

In the prelims, Billy Brown, 142, TKO'd Chico Arroyo, 143, in 2, and Tony Dominguez, 160, stopped Fred Fairbrother, 162, in 2.

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BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

In the first pro fight of the year, Timmie Jefferson, 141½, of Los Angeles, won a fifth round TKO verdict over Pat Aburo, 140½, of the Philippines, at the Schofield Bowl, Jan. 18, 1958. The fight was scheduled for ten rounds.

A cut on Aburo's left ear which he received in the fourth round, proved so severe that the fight was ordered stopped at the start of the fifth by Dr. B. Iwanaga, physician for the Territorial Boxing Commission.

Up to this point Jefferson was leading the fight by a good margin. Promoted by Bill Pacheco, the fight was the first pro card to be held at Schofield in many years. Gross receipts totalled $1,232.10 with 915 fans.

▶ **Rocky Kalingo,** 143¾, welterweight champion of the Philippines, made short work of Danny Santiago, 142½, by putting the local boy away with a left hook to the jaw in the second round. The end came in 25 seconds of the round. The fight, promoted by Bill Pacheco, took place at the Schofield Bowl, February 1, 1958 and drew 1,237 fans who paid $1,634.00.

Kalingo hit too hard and proved too good for Santiago, who was never in the fight after being floored for an eight count in the first round. Kalingo's future looks promising and he'll bear watching.

Omar Darty, 161, decisioned Frank Niihau, 159½, 6 rds.

Pia Kaalehakai, 134, beat Ray Carvalho, 132, 5 rds.

Bob Pereira, 127, beat Billy Bolilan, 127½, 4 rds.

Walter Vares, 134¾, TKO'd Pat Lee, 129¾, in the 2nd of four.

▶ **The same night the above card was held,** another fight was put on in Hilo, on the island of Hawaii. In the scheduled ten rounder Aladino Gusman, 133, TKO'd Yoichi Suzuki, 134, in the fourth. The fight was a slugfest. Suzuki was so badly battered in the third that he was unable to answer the bell for the fourth.

Promoter of the show was Augie Dias, a newcomer in the field. 1,900 fans paid $2,400.00 to witness the first pro card held on the Big Island in several years.

Yutaka Saikawa, 134¾, decisioned Daniel Melandez, 135, 6 rds.

Wilfred Tisalona, 129, beat Fidel Manalo, 129, 4 rds.

Randy Kim Seu, 143, decisioned Robert Corniel, 145, 4 rds.

Rudolph Artugo, 118¼, outpointed Walter Kinoshita, 118¾, 4 rds.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By Les Muller

JOE NGIDI non-European welter and middleweight champion has at last arrived in England. NGIDI hopes to fight the British champ, Peter Watermann, while over in Britain.

DURBAN—A CAPACITY CROWD OF 5,500 —THE LARGEST EVER TO WATCH European boxing in Durban, saw DENNIS ADAMS, 111, of South Africa retain his Empire fly-weight title on a second-round knock-out, over the Australian challenger, WARNER BATCHELOR, 112, at the Durban Ice Drome. The fight lasted only 3 min. 20 sec. BATCHELOR could not stand up to the South African's powerful punching. The first solid punch from ADAMS had the Aussie dazed and glassy eyed. BATCHELOR went down, came up too soon and staggered about the ring. Then he was forced against the ropes and went down again. BATCHELOR did recover a bit, and scored twice to the champions head.

In the next round, ADAMS came out with the intention of putting the Australian away for keeps.

JOHNNY VAN RENSBURG became dual champion, by adding the national lightweight title to his welterweight championship when he knocked out SAMPIE PRETORIUS in the third round of a scheduled 12-round fight.

VAN RENSBURG, 133, was far too experienced and cool when facing the tearaway PRETORIUS, 134, and once he had weathered the latter's wild assault, won easily. The knock-out was a powerful right to the solar plexus which knocked PRETORIUS through the ropes and on to the Press table.

JERRY VORSTER, 134, beat TEUNS VAN ROOYEN, 133½, on points over four rounds.

ERNIE BARONET, 124, knocked out STEVE EVENWELL, 122, in the first round of a four rounder. Keep your eyes on BARONET.

DICKIE WILLIAMS, 153½, decisioned BUSTER PERRY, 150, over six rounds.

Congratulations to Mr. NORMAN ELLIOTT for bringing boxing back to Durban.

BOXING BITS FROM SINGAPORE
By Little Nene

▶ **AFTER DROPPING AN UNPOPULAR SPLIT 10** rounds decision to Ronnie Manasseh of Australia on December 26, Ray Ming Chan, 124¾, up and coming Chinese featherweight from the Philippines, avenged his setback after decisively outpointing Ronnie, 123, on January 31 for the Interim Featherweight Championship of Singapore and Belt. Two Judges Messrs. Murray and Taylor and the referee gave the unanimous decision to Ming Chan. After the fight, Miss May Elias, beautiful president of the "Menorah Club of Singapore" presented the silver belt which was donated by their Association to the winner.

Other results: Seng Leong, 116, outpointed Fgt. Samat, 117, in four. Cisco Kid, 119, koe'd Kid Suatman, 122, in the first round. Fgt. Jamal TKo'ed Boy Nicholas in round two.

▶ **The writer,** who is probably the first Professional Boxer in this world to have written a boxing book, will release his "Boxing Story" during the first week of March, 1958. His book, which he wrote after 20 years of experience in the ring is entitled "Below the Belt".

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

GARNET (SUGAR) HART, 147, NEW YORK, WON A TEN ROUND DECISION over Larry Baker, 146, in a spirited featured event at Chicago Stadium. It was Hart all the way as he pounded out the victory without any serious contention from Baker. The bout was televised nationally and presented by the International Boxing Club.

In the prelims, Ernest Terrell, 191, Chicago, won a six round split decision over Cal Butler, 197. It was Terrell's 7th straight victory as a professional. Antonio Marcilla, 145, stopped Willie Miller, 144, in the 4th round. Sonny Ray, 174, Chicago, defeated Lou Bailey, 169, in six fast rounds. Jesse Bowdry, 174, St. Louis, kayoed Joe Thomas, 177, in three rounds. Candy Martin, 163, knocked out Leonard Brown, 167, in the opening round.

▶ The Joe Louis Arena featured a fine card of bouts in the series of weekly professional shows sponsored by the International Boxing Club. In the main-event scheduled for eight rounds Young Eddie Perkins, 142, Chicago, scored a one round knockout over Chuck Adkins, 139, Chicago. Adkins was down three times in the first round. A capacity crowd attended.

In other bouts, Joe Hemphill, Nessie Blumenthal's heavyweight protege, continued on his winning ways by defeating Art Norris, in five action-packed rounds. Jerry Moriell, Chicago's young kayo artist, scored a knockout over Kid Chocolate, in the third round. They are welterweights. Major Woodson, 160, iced Candy Martin, 164, in three heats. Bob Jemilo, won a four round decision over Joe Woodard. Both are welterweights.

▶ The Midwest Athletic Club presented an action-packed card of bouts sponsored by the International Boxing Club. In the featured eight round event, Rudy Ellis, 159, Chicago, scored a knockout in three rounds over Joe Schmozle, 163, Minneapolis.

In other bouts, Art Wilburn, 138, beat Ace Hendricks, 137, in four rounds. Jimmy Adams, 149, defeated Carlo Coulter, scoring a T.K.O. over him in three rounds. Jim Dover, 175, beat James Beard, 177, in four fast rounds. Jerry Jordan, 145, stopped Snyder Garland, 149, in the third round. A packed house attended the neighborhood Club bouts.

▶ Wayne Bethea, 204, New York, won a one-sided ten round decision over Young Jack Johnson, 214, Los Angeles, at Chicago Stadium. The bout was televised nationally and presented by the International Boxing Club. Bethea beat his opponent to the punch throughout to clinch the victory.

In other bouts, Jerry Jordan, 142, Chicago, defeated Don Weller, 145, St. Paul, in six rounds. Antonio Marcilla, 147, Chicago, stopped Billy Gillespie, 152, Benton Harbor, in the third round. Sonny Liston, 210, St. Louis, kayoed Billy Hunter, 193, Detroit, in two heats. Eddie Perkins, 143, Chicago, beat Allan Kennedy, 146, Detroit, in a spirited six round contest.

▶ Heavy slugging Bob Satterfield had to retire from the ring due to an eye injury. His scheduled bout with Wayne Bethea was called off due to this and Satterfield is now recovering from an operation.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

ART GREENWALD, OWNER OF ONE OF THE MID-WEST'S LEADING ART agencies, is rapidly proving that a successful businessman can become a leading fight manager if the talent is there. Greenwald is the manager of promising young welterweight Mickey Crawford, and the pair have been very successful to date.

Crawford lost no time in starting out 1958 in fine style when he easily outclassed his veteran opponent Chico Vejar. Vejar entered the ring a 9-5 favorite, but was completely outclassed.

The victory was Crawford's 19th in 21 starts. Listed alongside those over Wallace "Bud" Smith and Paddy DeMarco, gives the youngster an impressive list of victims.

▶ C. W. Smith, enterprising Detroit sportsman, presented a double attraction featuring Detroiters Chuck Spieser, lightheavy, and crowd pleasing heavyweight, Johnny Summerlin in a comeback. Spieser faced lanky Bobby Lane, of Miami, and Johnny met Omaha's Wayne Womochil. A turnout of 3,202 fight fans paid to watch two good bouts with the local boys turning in victories. It was Spieser's first start in nine months, and Summerlin's initial appearance in 13 months.

Chuck's best round was the sixth when he shook up Lane badly and did everything but stop Larry Kent's protege.

Lane had a definite advantage in height and reach, but Spieser beat him to the punch continually. However, Lane did come to life in the last round and staged a gallant rally. Both fighters were cut in the last frame. The official voting was: Referee Lou Handler 46-42, judge Bill Appleton 44-41, and judge Jack Aspery 50-37, all in favor of Spieser. Chuck's record is now twenty victories, five defeats and one draw.

In the co-feature attraction, a well-conditioned Summerlin, showed little effects of a long layoff when he bombarded Womochil with a devastating body attack. Womochil, a good prospect with a big heart, gave it all he had, however, he did not have the experience to cope with the prowess of Summerlin, who holds a KO over Zora Folley, decisions over Harold Carter, Bert Whitehurst, and Young Jack Johnson, twice. Referee Tom Briscoe stepped in and called a halt to the match in the fifth round.

Lucky Malik's excellent prospect, John Powell, won a thriller from highly regarded Pero Bradley in five. Both boys stood toe-to-toe all the way in a five rounder. Powell is actually a welterweight, but has had to meet heavier boys.

Jesse Fagan, Al Leomais' harding working middleweight, looked exceptionally good in pounding an excellent win over Floyd Brooks in a five, and Frank Trusso, Cleveland welter, showed good punching and boxing ability in making his first pro start a winning and pleasing one over equally promising Edgar Gregory in a four.

▶ A game guy with plenty of heart and a love for boxing, ex-fighter himself, Larry Moreland promoted a show at the Toledo Sports Arena featuring local middleweights Charley Cotton and Willie Russell in a bout for the Ohio State title. The bout was a sizzler with Russell finishing a kayo victim in four rounds. Russell made the mistake of trying to box with Cotton instead of laying atop of Charley and trading punch for punch.

Arthur Turner, Detroit welterweight, picked up right where he left off last year, starting with another KO victory in two rounds over Blacky Haynes. Although Turner is yet to be tested, he shows improvement each time out and has now won twelve straight bouts on some clever managing on the part of Jimmy Riley.

Leroy Jeffery, clever little 130 pounder, toyed with George Reid for several rounds before putting him away in the third. Leroy is far too clever for most preliminary kids in the game today.

Toledo heavy, Carl Beaver stopped Cleveland's Johnny Pratt in the sixth of a heavyweight fight, and Fred McClure won a middleweight slugfest from Virgil Williams in the four round opener.

▶ BEHIND THE HEADLINES . . . One of the most encouraging features of the month past was the way Johnny Summerlin returned. His victory over Wayne Womochil was his 31 victory against 7 defeats and 1 draw. Twenty of John's wins have been along the KO route. Willie Greaves, Pittsburgh middleweight by-way of Edmonton, Canada, who was the latest protege of the late Jake Mintz, has joined the stable of Tony Ross Jr., who purchased from Mrs. Julia Mintz. In his first start under the new banner Greaves defeated Jimmy Peters in Miami.

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NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

LIVERPOOL . . . Irish born Jimmy Lynas, now living in Coventry, 163, enhanced his reputation with a deserving points win over hard hitting Billy Ellaway, Birkenhead, 162, in eight thrilling rounds. Lynas got off to a good start with snappy left leads also meeting Ellaway as he came forward with hard right counters. In the latter part of the bout Billy tried hard to reduce the lead that Lynas had established, but the Coventry fighter was always in there swapping blows and gamely held on to his early lead to receive a popular win on points. . . . Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 145½, stopped Peter King, Manchester, 150½, in the sixth round when the latter was forced to call it a day after receiving a badly cut eye. King started off at break-neck speed, but faded as the bout continued for Melfah had the ability to get inside his blows to score with short arm blows to King's body. This had the desired effect and when a collision of heads in the sixth caused the damage to King's eye, the latter was wise in retiring at the end of the round. . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 123¼, knocked out Don Amarh, Ghana, 117, in the sixth and last round when the latter was helped along to the fatal count by exhaustion. . . . Johnny Cunningham, Huddersfield, 165, the ex-Amateur southpaw, again outpointed Don Martin, Formyby, 150, in six. . . . Chick Calderwood, Craigneuk, 170, made it five out of five, when he outpointed Jackie Scott, Preston, 171, in four. . . . Calderwood has a bright future in the paid ranks. George Mason, Bootle, 129, had only himself to blame for losing on a disqualification against Johnny Bamborough, West Hartlepool, 130, in the third round instead of a K.O. victory. . . . Mason chased Bamborough all around the ring and when a hard right floored the latter in the third Mason continued to strike his fallen opponent and referee Wally Thom, the ex-Welterweight champion sent Mason back to his corner.

▶BELFAST . . . Billy Corbett, Carrickfergus, 156¼, got up off the canvas in the second round to score a good points win over Ray Ward, Manchester, 159½, in a thrilling eight. . . . Pat Price, Newry, 147½, stopped Willie Johnston, Belfast, 152½, in the third, the referee intervened to save Johnston from further punishment. . . . Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 132¼, was a clear points winner against George Watson, Belfast, 130½, in eight. . . . Jim Loughans, Belfast, 141¾, knocked out Tommy Larmour, Belfast, 139, in the fourth, the latter was counted out "in the act of rising". . . . Dave Walsh, Belfast, 128½, stopped Jackie Quinn, Belfast, 132¼, in the third.

▶WEMBLEY . . . Paddy O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 147, was unfortunate to be declared the loser against Harry Haydock, British Guiana, 141½, in the fifth round for he was well ahead on points when the referee was forced to intervene after O'Callaghan had received a badly cut eye. . . . Mick Barone, Brixton, 113¼, and Barry Ridge, Leicester, 110, fought a draw in six. . . . Billy Downer, Stoke Newington, 116½, was declared the winner over Johnny O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 121¾, in the second round when the latter was ruled out for perisistent holding. . . . Mike Robbins, Camberwell, 146¾, stopped Brian Mullins, Acton, 151, in the fourth, when the referee intervened to save Mullins further punishment. . . . Billy Desmond, Finsbury Park, 165¾, outpointed Bobby Short, 165¾, in six. . . . Frankie Turner, Camden Town, 134¼, outpointed Terry Russell, Poplar, 134¼, in six.

▶WALSALL . . . Brian Jones, Nottingham, 134½, former Amateur Champion, was a good points winner over Byron Hollingsworth, Trinidad, 137, in six. . . . Billy Allport, Walsall, 132½, and Earl Reefer, Trinidad, 138, fought a draw in six. . . . Gus Harry, Trinidad, 140, knocked out Tony Mulholland, Birmingham, 137, in the last minute of the sixth and final round. . . . Gordon Corbett, Birmingham, 171½, stopped Johnny Bourke, Acton, 178, in the third round after the latter had received a badly cut eye. . . . Wally Swift, Nottingham, 147½, gained a points win over Fitzroy Lindoe, London, 152, in six. . . . Jimmy Robinson, Brownhills, 126½, outpointed Maurice Daniels, Cardiff, 127¾, in six.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . LONDON . . . Arthur Devlin, Millwall, 124½, was awarded the decision over Con Mount Bassey, Nigeria, 123½, after eight interesting rounds. The decision was not popular with the members who thought that the coloured lad was a clear winner. . . . Dennis Read, Norwood, 156¾, was a narrow points winner over Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 161½, in a hard fought six. . . . Tommy Lee, Croydon, 148½, stopped Kenny Seaman, Borough, 152½, in the second. . . . Barrie Smith, Dartford, 124, stopped Terry McHale, Liverpool, 134, in the fourth. . . . Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 112, was too strong a puncher for Bobby Robinson, Newcastle, 112½, and the latter after receiving a badly cut eye in the third was led to his corner by the referee, who raised the hand of Barraclough as the winner. . . . Johnny Chapman, Basingstoke, 185, forced the referee to stop the contest in his favour when he had Maxie Earle, Doncaster, 192½, in trouble after a count in the fourth.

▶MIDDLESBOROUGH . . . Joey Armstrong, the heavyweight from Ghana, 185¾, put the skids under the English born Manuel Burgo, North Shields, 199, in the sixth round. It all started in the very first round when Burgo attacked with a two handed barrage, then "WHAM" Armstrong, who had been covering his head from the attack, shot a short right with all the power he possessed sent Burgo staggering to the canvas for a count of "six". This sensational start brought havoc to Burgo who was on the receiving end from then on, and it was in the sixth that referee Jim Folland wisely stopped the bout in favour of the improving Joey Armstrong of Ghana. . . . Peter Cobblah, Ghana, 138½, took less than two rounds to blast his way to victory over Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 138½, who was forced to take three counts before the referee intervened. . . . Ken Harvey, Thornley, 162, scored his fourth K.O. win since he took cash for fighting by hanging the K.O. sign over Jackie Willis, Belfast, 159½, in the third. . . . Ron Cowley, Sunderland, 138, knocked out Gordon Teesdale, Middlesborough, 138½, in the first. . . . Bobby Walsh, West Hartlepool, 147, stopped Vince Pinnigar, Thornaby, 148½, in the fourth, when the latter received a badly cut eye.

▶GREAT YARMOUTH . . . Peter Smith, Huddersfield, 147¼, gained a close points win over Eltoro Steed, Trinidad, 148½, in a hard fought eight. . . . Aubrey Day, Kings Lynn, 127¾, and Peter Reed, Reach, 126, fought a six round bout to a draw. . . . Billy Goodwin, Bermondsey, 137, clearly outpointed Tony Webster, Norwich, 135, in six. . . . Pat Eldridge, Plaistow, 147½, was too strong for Cyril Bates, Nottingham, 146, and was a worthy points winner in six. . . . Ted Young, South Africa, 148½, outpointed Eric Francis, Leicester, 150, in six. . . . Terry Lake, Morden, 146½, was a clear points winner over Dave Auld, Leicester, 151¼, in six.

▶GLOUCESTER . . . Promoter Johnny Thornton was rewarded with a packed Hall for second promotion this season, and the fans went away satisfied with the fare served up. . . . Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 157, and Johnny Plenty, Bristol, 160, gave the crowd plenty to cheer about for every one of the six rounds was a corker, and it was only by a narrow margin that Cox was awarded a points win. . . . Tony Ratcliffe, Bristol, 161, knocked out Neil Travers, Newport, 166, in the second. . . . In a hard fought six, Peter Perkins, Channel Islands, 160¼, and Ken Whistler, Bournemouth, 164¾, fought a draw. . . . Tommy Williams, Cardiff, 133, sprang a surpise on the promising Derrick Jack, Bristol, 126, by handing him the order of the K.O. in the third. . . . Terry Coles, Cheltenham, 134¾, outpointed Don Lewis, Tredegar, 135, in six. . . . Colin Moore, Derby, 147, knocked out Sammy Royles, Gloucester, 152, in the fifth.

▶SHOREDITCH . . . Terry Downes, Paddington, 160½, having his thirteenth professional bout, scored a fourth round victory when he forced the referee to intervene in his favour after his opponent, Serge Leveque, France, 164, had taken considerable punishment. In a bout that looked on paper to be a classic, terminated in the very first round when Harry Edwards, Smethwick, 134½, planted a long right on Dennis Hinson, West Ham, 135, left eye which on observation was found to have been very badly cut, the referee at once intervened and declared Edwards as the winner. . . . Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, 132, continued his winning sequences with a point win over Eddie Hughes, Walworth, 135¼, in a lively six. . . . Ron Jones, West Ham, 124, and Pat McCairn, Bethnal Green, 127¾, suffered cut eyes in their bout, but this did not deter them to battle every inch of the eight rounds before Jones was awarded a points win. . . . Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, 141½, knocked out Charlie Williams, Brixton, 138½, in the second.

▶BELFAST . . . Don Martin, Formby, 147, was a popular points winner over the local Don Doherty, Belfast, 154¾, in a hard fought eight. . . . Sam Thompson, Belfast, 149½, stopped Billy Riley, Bootle, 152¾, in the sixth, when the referee intervened. . . . Jim Hamilton, Belfast, 137¾, knocked out Ray Bond, Belfast, 140, in the third. . . . It took Jim Loughans, Belfast, 141, only 2 mins. 15 secs. to dispose of Jack O'Brien, Belfast, 139, in the first round. . . . Bobby Griffen, Belfast, 143, gained a points win over Roy Scanlon, Belfast, 139, in six.

▶HULL . . . It was "Tame" Dick Tiger, Nigeria, 162¾, who gained a points decision

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(up to February 20, 1958)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Joe Erskine (W)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. Joe Bygraves (J)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Clive Stewart (A)	Attu Clottey (G)
3. Dick Richardson (W)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Arthur King (C)	Boswell St. Louis (T)
4. Brian London (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Yama Bahama (B)	Peter Waterman (E)
5. Kitione Lane (To)	Mike Holt (SA)	Martin Hansen (E)	Jimmy Newman (E)
6. Henry Cooper (E)	Sam Langford (N)	Dick Tiger (N)	Tommy Molloy (E)
7. George Chuvalo (C)	Albert Finch (E)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Sandy Manuel (N)
8. Joey Armstrong (G)	Tommy DuPreez (SA)	Phil Edwards (W)	Hector Constance (T)
9. Tom Hini (F)	Eddie Wright (E)	Terry Downes (E)	Paddy Graham (I)
10. Alan Williams (A)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Billy McDonnell (A)	Gerald Gray (J)
LIGHTWEIGHTS	**FEATHERWEIGHTS**	**BANTAMWEIGHTS**	**FLYWEIGHTS**
1. Willie Toweel (SA)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dennis Adams (SA)
2. Dave Charnley (E)	Percy Lewis (T)	Dick White (A)	Frank Jones (S)
3. Richie Howard (?)	Pete Kawala (G)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Terry Spinks (E)
4. Russell Sands (A)	Charlie Hill (S)	George Bowes (E)	Lloyd Gordon (C)
5. George Bracken (A)	Ayree Jackson (G)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Malcolm McLeod (I)
6. Max Carlos (A)	Johnny Howard (E)	Dai Dower (W)	Warner Batchelor (A)
7. Armand Savoie (C)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Pat Supple (C)	Bindi Jack (A)
8. Ron Hinson (E)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Ado Garuba (G)
9. George Martin (I)	John O'Brien (S)	Graham v. d. Walt (SA)	Ezekial Schole (SA)
10. Billy Kelly (I)	Gil O'Neill (I)	Louis Joshua (SA)	Gerry Parker (E)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales.

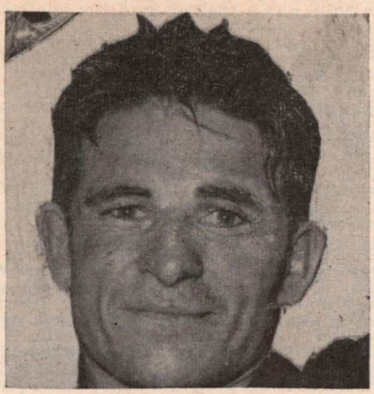
over Jean Ruellet, France, 157½, in eight un-interesting rounds. . . . Sandy Manuel, Nigerian, 145½, and Michel Francois, France, 149, fought eight rounds to a draw. . . . Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 126½, was a points winner over Alf Drew, Hackney, 128, in eight. . . . Harry Haydock, 142½, outpointed Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 144, in eight. . . . Brian Husband, Hull, 145½, outpointed Dave Auld, Leicester, 145, in six.

▶NEWCASTLE . . . George Bowes, West Hartlepool, 117, is well on the way to top, he dealt out considerable punishment to Derry Treanor, Glasgow, 118¼, in the latter part of the eight round bout to receive the points decision of referee Tommy Watson. . . . Johnny Mann, The Birmingham lightweight, 135½, gained a points win over Peter Cobblah, Ghana, 135¼, in eight. . . . Jimmy Croll, Dundee, 149½, was awarded the decision over Mick Leahy, Coventry, 148¾, who was forced to call it a day when he received a badly cut eye in the fourth . . . Gerry Parker, Nottingham, 114, stopped Frank Spencer, Wolverhampton, 115, in the third . . . Tommy McGuinness, Edinburgh, 137, stopped Jimmy Cottrell, Birkenhead, 138, in the Sixth.

▶CHELTENHAM . . . The Town Hall was packed to the doors to witness the bout between Albert Finch, Croydon, 174½, and Jack Whittaker, Warwick, 170½, over eight rounds. The young Warwick cruiserweight went into the lead at the start, but the popular Croydon Veteran knows how to pace a contest and in a fast aggressive finish he managed to get up on the line to force a draw. The decision was greeted with cheers from the large crowd . . . Terry Banning, Leamington, 143½, and Terry Lake, Morden, 144½, put up a great scrap for six rounds before Lake was awarded a points decision . . . Jim Robinson, Walsall, 126½, stopped Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 127, in the fifth when the referee intervened in favour of Robinson . . . Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 131¼, gained a points win over Carl Davies, Wales, 131¼, in a sparkling six . . . Earl Reefer, Trinidad, 139¼, outpointed Don Lewis, Neath, 138¾, in six . . . Ted Young, South Africa, 147¾, was credited with a K.O. win over Gus Harry, Trinidad, 147, in the third.

▶EPSOM . . . Johnny Simmons, Paddington, 136½, knocked out Cliff Brown, Northampton, 138, in the second. Terry Toole, Hackney, 120¼, was declared the winner over Dennis East, Canning Town, 122½, in the sixth, the latter had received a hard blow in the eye which swelled to the size of a golf ball. Referee Bill Williams seeing the plight that East was in, wisely stopped the bout and declared Toole the winner . . . Terry Russell, Poplar, 133, outpointed Dennis Saunders, Boreham Wood, 130½, in six . . . Malcolm Affleck, Croydon, 170, clearly outpointed Jimmy McDonagh, Croydon, 170, in six rugged rounds . . . Joe Sommerville, Berkhempstead, 157, outpointed Len Samuel, West Indies, 164½, in six . . . Len Barrow, Swansea, 153, stopped Peter Anderson, Cricklewood, 149¾, in the fourth.

▶EMPRESS HALL, EARLS COURT . . . A crowd of over 9,000 witnessed the classic contest between Willie Toweel, South Africa, 135, and Orlando Zulueta, Cuba, 135½, over ten rounds. The Cuban forced the issue from the start scoring with a snappy left to the head, but most of the time he ran into the two handed counter punching of the Talented South African . . . during the sixth session Toweel bled from the nose and his face was crimson red from then on Toweel fought relentlessly to gain the upper hand and receive the decision of referee Ike Poweel . . . Johnny Howard, Holloway, 126, scored the best win of his career when he was declared the winner over Ayree Jackson, Ghana, 125, in a terrific eight round bout fought at a fast pace in which neither fighter flinched. Howard was a worthy winner by virtue of his better hitting with the knuckle part of the gloves . . . Jimmy Newman, Walthamstow, 143½, made his first appearance since his return from Australia. He was matched with Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 145¾, in a ten round contest for the right to meet George Barnes for the latters Empire Title . . . It was a contrast of styles, Newman, standing upright in the orthodox fashion scored with straight lefts to the face of St. Louis who is of the aggressive type scoring to the body. After half way, Boswell put on the speed and seemed to have the edge, but Tommy Little without hesitation raised the hand of Newman as the winner . . . Terry Spinks, Canning Town, 113¼, confirmed a previous points win by stopping Malcolm McCleod, Coventry, 111¾, in third, as the latter was forced to retire with a damaged eye . . . Johnny Read, Croydon, 162½, forced the referee to intervene in his favour in the third round of his bout with Dennis Booty, Stepney, 159½, after the latter had received a badly cut eye. Read stated after the bout that this was his last contest.



George Barnes, British Empire welterweight champion, who bypassed the tournament to find a successor to Carmen Basilio as world champion to fight in South Africa and the British Isles.

▶BIRMINGHAM . . . Dai Dower, Abercymon, 117¾, now serving in the Army was granted leave to take part in his first bout since he failed in his quest for The Worlds Flyweight Title. Dai's opponent was his former sparring partner Eric Brett, Retford, 120½, and Lew Phillips was well pleased to see "House Full" signs placed at the doors of his promotion. Brett gave his former "Boss" plenty to think about throughout the eight rounds but the clever boxing of The Welshman gave him the unanimous opinion that with a couple of bouts under his belt, he will be a worthy opponent for a tilt at Peter Keenan's Bantamweight Title. Dower was a clear points winner in this his first start in the bantamweight division . . . Harry Edwards, Smethwick, 134, gained his revenge for a previous K.O. defeat, when he clearly outpointed Derek Clarke, Burnley, 137, in eight . . . Ronnie Vale, Leamington, 160, and Ted Buck, Nottingham, 163½ ,fought a draw in six . . . Terry Rees, Catford, 128, stopped Billy Allport, Walsall, 131¾, in the second.

▶BELFAST . . . Tommy Huston, Belfast, 139, forced Billy Smith, Bangor, 135, to retire at the end of the third after having to take considerable punishment during that period . . . Two southpaws Artie Magill, Belfast, 144, and Garry O'Neill, Belfast, 143, tried hard to fathom each others style, and it was Magill who came out on top with a five round win for the referee was forced to stop the contest to save O'Neill from further punishment . . . The best bout of the evening was that between Jim Loughans, Belfast, 143, and Roy Scanlon, Belfast, 138, who fought a draw . . . The swinging match between Jimmy Quinn, Buncrana, 155, and Willie Johnston, Belfast, 153½, ended in the third when Quinn landed one of his swings on the eye of Johnston causing a bad cut, this brought the intervention of the referee who stopped the bout and named Quinn as the winner . . . Billy Adams, Belfast, 120, stopped Dave Walsh, Belfast, 125, in the fourth.

▶LEYTON . . . Arthur Howard, Islington, 175¾, started his bout against Eddie Wright, Mile End, 175¼, a big odds on favourite, but as the bout progressed Wright who boxed cooly against the wild hard hitting Islington cruiserweight ran up an early lead and the odds soon changed. Howard realized that he was far behind on points put on the pressure towards the latter part of the contest but he was made to miss by the cool headed Mile Ender, who was a good winner at the end of the eight rounds . . . Ron Redrup, West Ham, 170, was declared the winner over Johnny Cole, Bow, 175, at the end of the fifth, when the latter was forced to retire after he had received a badly cut eye . . . Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, 131, defeated Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 134½, in the fifth, referee Benny Caplan, called a halt to save Sharpe unnecessary punishment . . . Terry Brown, West Ham, 129, stopped Terry Harper, Walthamstow, 128, in the third after a hectic set-to. Terry Gill, West Ham, 147½, knocked out Gerry Hassett, Belfast, 150, in the fourth . . . George Carroll, Covent Garden, 125, did a good job in outpointing Arthur Devlin, Millwall, 126, in eight.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . Evie Vorster, South Africa, 159½, overwhelmed Eddie Williams, Tredegar, 156¾, from the start in their bout and the plucky Welshman was not allowed to settle down. In the third session Williams was all bent up against the ropes unable to defend himself and referee Jack Morris stopped the bout in favour of The South African . . . John Woolard, Glasgow, 159¾, outpointed Wally Scott, West Ham, 160¾, in eight . . . Len Barrow, Swansea, 152½, made a good impression against Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 155¼, winning every one of the six rounds against a more experienced boxer . . . Terry Lake, Morden, 143, outpointed Terry Banning, Leamington, 142½, in six . . . Peter Anderson, Cricklewood, 145½, outpointed Joe Kelly, Ireland, 146½, in six . . . Ken Whistler, Bournemouth, 166, was a lucky winner over Johnny Berry, Harlesden, 156, for the latter looked a clear winner at the end of six rounds.

▶WALWORTH . . . Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 138, and Billy Keirnan, Hammersmith, 139, fought a hectic eight rounds before the former was declared a points winner . . . Byron Hollingsworth, Trinidad, 136½, stopped Jimmy Tippett, Greenwich, 138, in the third after the latter had taken seven counts. Tippett who at one time looked a likely prospect decided that this was his last bout . . . Jack Da Costa, Barbados, 177, defeated Johnny Chapman, Basingstoke, 186, in the second round after the latter had received a badly cut eye . . . Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 167½, outpointed Ron Garnett, Earlsfield, 156½, in a scrambling six . . . Tommy Lee, Croydon, 151, was too clever for Fitzroy Lindo, Trinidad, 152, and was a good winner in six . . . Buster Gaffney Croydon, 147, outpointed Duggie Johnson, Glasgow, 146½, in a closely fought six.

▶HARRINGAY . . . Peter Waterman, British Welterweight Champion, can consider himself a lucky Guy. When referee Cornelius Knol of Holland stopped his contest at the end of the 14th round because Emilio Marconi of Italy and holder of The European Welterweight Title, was suffering from a badly cut eye. Thus Peter was declared Champion. Whatever that may mean is all too vague, for the Italian according to British scoring of MARKS in every round was ahead on points and only had to stay on his feet for the three minutes of the last round to be declared the winner and Still European Champion. The decision was loudly booed by the capacity crowd and a near riot was averted by the stewards around the ringside. Marconi took the first five rounds by his cleaner boxing and clever defense, but Waterman with dogginess and pluck started to reduce this lead of The Italian. In the eleventh round The British Champion was caught with a left swing that sent him across the ring staggering into a neutral corner with the fiery Italian dealing out all kinds of swings on the defenseless British Champion. Waterman sank to the canvas to take a count of eight, on rising he was again put down by a fusilade of blows to take a count of seven, Waterman was "Gameness Personified" he got up to fight back amid the cries from the ringside to the referee to stop the contest. Waterman came out in the twelfth round a fighting fury and in fact won the round by his two handed body work. My contention was that the eleventh round was the deciding factor in favour of the Italian. At the weigh-in, Marconi scaled 145, to Waterman's 146.

What a contrast was the bout between "Sapper" Dave Charnley, Dartford, 136¼, British Lightweight Champion, now serving in The Army, and Don Jordan, of California, 136½, in their ten round battle for supremacy. This is without a doubt the best performance that "southpaw" Dave Charnley has given, for the first five rounds he was content to box on the defense and avoid the long reach of The Coloured American connecting with his heavy hooks to head and body. During the latter part of the bout Charnley tried taking the part as The Aggressor, this paid off for he forced the taller opponent to back away. The only knockdown came at the end of the eighth when referee Eugene Henderson of Scotland stepped in between them at the gong just too late to stop a left hook from Jordan that sprawled Charnley on his back. The last two rounds were fought at a terrific pace with Charnley fighting as one possessed against an opponent who would not take a backward step. The British Champion won the last two rounds by his aggressive battling and also the decision. Both winner and loser came in for a great reception at the end of a great contest . . . Terry Downes, Paddington, 160¼, The Former United States Marine, was unfortunate to have been declared the loser at the end of the sixth round (when referee Jack Hart inspected the cuts above and under his eye) against Freddie Cross, former Welsh Middleweight Champion, 160, up till the end of the bout, Downes was clearly ahead on points . . . Phil Edwards, Cardiff, Welsh Middleweight

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IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

REVERE—ROLLAWAY ARENA—JOE DEVLIN, 150½, UNDEFEATED JAMAICA Plain youngster disposed of dangerous Dick McCarthy, 151½, Medford, in the third round of eight round main event. The pair slugged it out with several bristling exchanges in the first two rounds. In the third, McCarthy was floored twice. After the second one Referee Jimmy McCarron halted the bout.

Cardell Farmos, 177, Boston, punched out a decision over comebacking Willie Gray, 181¼, Boston, who was obviously ringrusty. They tangled in the six round semi-final. Bob Barrett, 140¼, Dorchester, was held to a six round draw by Johnny Taylor, 142¼, New York, in a pleasing bout. Al Rose, 148¼, Brookline, remained undefeated when he took a four round duke over Johnny Bradley, 144¼, New York. Vernon Lynch, 130, Brooklyn, and Gordon Parker, 135, Orange, Mass., ended up all even after four rounds in the opener.

▶BOSTON — Mechanics Building—Tommy Tibbs, 131, Boston newsboy, eked out a split ten round decision over wily Willie Pep, 129¾, Hartford, former world's featherweight champion. Tibbs was the aggressor and concentrated his attack on Pep's body with occasional shifts to the head. Pep fought his usual brilliant fight, jabbing, moving and causing his opponent to miss. It broke a 21 bout win streak for Pep and gave him his 8th loss against 214 wins and a draw.

Randy Sandy, 160½, New York, outfought Eddie Andrews, 158, Lowell, in a close-order fight. Sandy had height, reach, and weight to his advantage but elected to slug it out to win a unanimous ten round decision. Barry Allison, 151, Springfield, came off the floor in the first round to successfully defend his New England 160 pound title from Buddy Cochrane, 158, Somerville, by stopping him in the seventh round. Jimmy Kelly, 134, Lowell, halted Connie Ferguson, 136, Boston, in the final round of an eight spot. Earl Matthews, 138, Boston, scored a six round decision over Johnny Taylor, 142½, New York.

▶REVERE — Rollaway Arena — Jackson Brown, 154, Dorchester, was held to a draw by promising Guy LoConte, 148, Malden, in an eight round slugfest that featured the weekly show. Brown, the 1956 National AAU champion, enjoyed an edge at the end of six rounds but LoConte rallied with a punishing body attack to earn the draw. The fight was a thriller with the youngsters slugging it out toe-to-toe.

Bobby Barrett, 142½, Dorchester, scored his sixth kayo in seven pro fights by flattening Bob Cefalo, 146, Everett, in the first round. Ray Drayton, 165, Roxbury, floored Kenny Stokes, 160, Boston, for the full count with a savage right cross also in the first round. Al Rose, 148, Brookline, halted Willie Mitchell, 151, Boston, in the third round. The opener down for four rounds also failed to go the limit: Dick DiVola, 125½, Charlestown, stopped Ray Garcia, 132, Hartford, in the first round.

▶HOLYOKE — Valley Arena—Boxing returned to the Paper City this time with Bobby Gleason, prominent New York gym owner and manager, at the helm. His first offering saw Stefan Redl, 147, German native who now makes his home in Passaic, N. J., annihilate Willie Moore, 146½, Philadelphia, in four rounds. Redl was very business-like. He softened Moore up for three rounds with vicious punches to head and body. In the fourth he battered Moore into submission. Moore sank to his knees and Referee Jack Dekkers called a halt just as the bell rang ending the round.

Prince Johnson, 133, Trenton, N. J., won a lop-sided decision over veteran Myrel Olmstead, 135, Springfield, in the eight round semi-final. Johnson displayed some flashy boxing. Herberito (Gil) Rivera, 140, Puerto Rican now living in Springfield, garnered a win over Tony Liquori, 142, Agawam, in a four rounder. The decision was of the split variety. Elviata Brown, 187, New York, won on a tko when Rob Robbins, 190, Westover Field, bowed out at the end of the third due to a cut eye.

▶BOSTON—Garden—Virgil Akins, 147, St. Louis, punched former titlist, Tony DeMarco, 147, Boston, into helplessness in the twelfth round of their fifteen round bout. DeMarco fought his usual fight. He tore after Akins in the early rounds and had an advantage. As in other fights over the longer route DeMarco tired and became a target for the hard punching Akins better shots. DeMarco made three trips to the canvas. A hard left to the jaw in the eighth spilled him. He was down twice in the eleventh. A terrific right smashed against DeMarco's jaw in the twelfth. He staggered and was about to sag to the floor when Referee Eddie Bradley intervened.

Rudolph Bent, 153, British Honduras, won a six round decision from Al Jones, 149, St. Louis, an Akins sparmate. It was the only prelim to go the full distance. Jimmy Connors, 129½, New Bedford, scored two knockdowns with left hooks to the head and belabored George Stone, 128½, Philadelphia, with left hooks to the body to stop him in the second of an eight rounder.

Joe DeNucci, 160¾, Newton, won on a second round disqualification when his scared opponent Johnny Candino, 169½, New York, proved too inept. The bout was down for eight rounds. Lee Williams, 233, Boston, 1957 National AAU heavyweight champion, turned pro with a one round kayo over Johnny Haywood, 190¼, Youngstown, O. A badly cut eye forced Gerard LeBlanc, 156, Fall River, out of his fight in the second round with Charlie Washington, 150, New York, getting a tko win. Billy Priest, 158, Cambridge, flogged Harvey Lewis, 156½, New York, in the third round of the opener.

▶REVERE — Rollaway Arena—Dick Hall, brilliant Boston middleweight, remained undefeated and racked up his 18th straight professional win by punching out an eight round decision over George Mercer, New York, in a rugged brawl. Hall held the upperhand throughout the bout. There were no knockdowns.

Willie Gray, 179¼, Boston, knocked out Roy Belsito, 174¼, Worcester, in the fourth round of the semi-final match. Al Rose, 147½, Brookline, continued to be undefeated when he turned back Johnny Bradley, 143, New York, for the second time by decision in their four rounder. Johnny Cuccinello, 139, Lexington, won handily over Paul Colbert, 134½, Worcester, in a four rounder to keep his unbeaten skein going. Danny Jones, 143¾, New York, handed Bobby Barrett, 142¼, Boston, his first defeat, when he took the decision in their four spot.

WASHINGTON, D. C., CAPERS
By Mike Geary

WASHINGTON'S FLASHY LIGHTWEIGHT ERNIE "SONNY BOY" WILLIAMS lost a heartbreaker to titleholder Joe Brown when referee Ray Bowen, with the nod from commission Physician Dr. John Kneipp, stopped the nationally televised ten-round non-title main event after 1:17 of the fifth.

Williams, a ringside 5-1 underdog, made it known early in the second round that the champion would have to earn his money if he were to take the fight.

Brown, who was hesitant about in-fighting, found Williams opening up entirely too fast an furious and in rounds two and three, Brown was on his bicycle. Early in round four after a clinch break-up, Williams' eye was bleeding badly. It was then a matter of time for the champ to force the bout to close as it did.

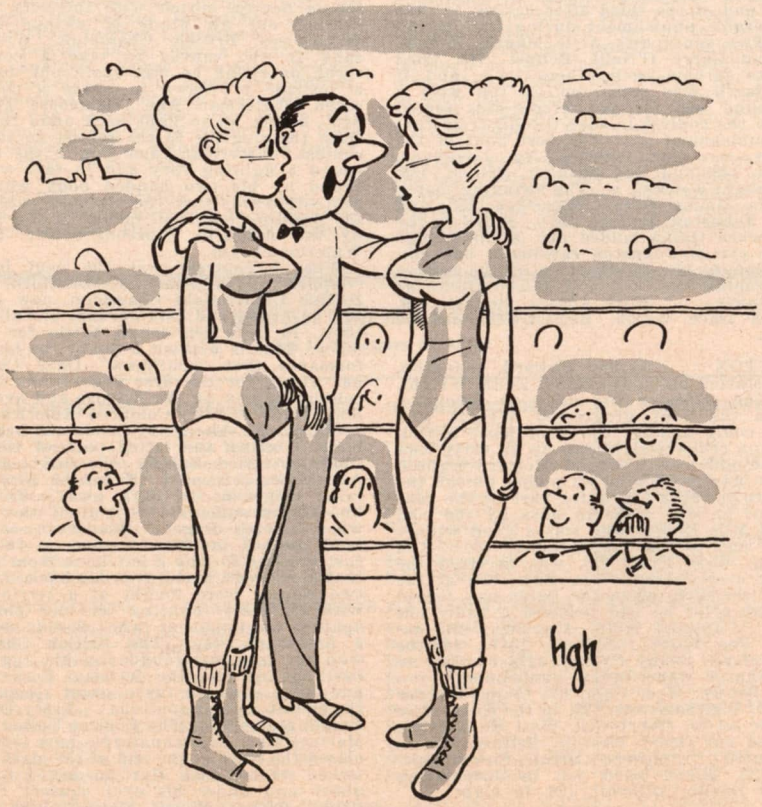
Brown looked far from outclassed but more than mildly surprised with his local opponent and had the fight gone the distance Sonny Boy Williams might have found himself in high regard among lightweight contenders.

When the bout was stopped all cards were in Williams favor. Referee Bowen 38-34, Judge Joe Bunsa 40-37, Judge Charlie Buck 39-38.

In a six-round semi-windup for heavies, Dave Bailey, 195, Philadelphia decisioned Ike Thomas, 207, New York City.

Monk Reynolds, 170, Alexandria, Va., beat Ronnie Washensky, 172, Pittsburgh. Eldridge (Tommy) Thompson, 190½, Quantico Marine Base, Va. stopped George Brooks, 184, Washington, in the fourth. Milton (Willie) Ferguson, 129, Washington, stopped Jimmy Cooper, 128, Washington after a minute of the first round.

This card was promoted by Goldie Ahearn and was his third IBC Nationally Televised affair from Capitol Arena in less than six weeks.



"I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE THE WINNER."

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

SORRY TO REPORT AT THIS TIME THAT CINCINNATI promoter Sam Becker has been confined to his home due to illness and it is doubtful if brother Benny will give any immediate thought to promoting here. With Art Wirth, the other promoter most secretive in any announcements, boxing is at a standstill here in the Queen City.

▶Bob Buse of Columbus, O. has a neat looking lightie in young Johnny Palmer. . . . former lightweight champion Bud Smith may take a couple foreign bouts which are in the offing. . . . Ezz Charles is in the juvenile division department of Cincinnati and is becoming quite popular as an after dinner speaker. He is doing a swell job.

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MINUTE MEN OF BOXING

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ner in the Garden seven weeks previous, the gate drew well, just missing the one hundred thousand dollar mark, at $99,841. It is the only instance we know of when a sub went into a title bout on short notice.

As it was, Graziano had received the title bout under a strange and tragic set of circumstances. Marcel Cerdan had lost the title to Jake LaMotta in June 1949 and a return was delayed when LaMotta was injured. Cerdan returned to his home in Casablanca and in October 1949 was returning to the States for the championship match when his plane crashed in the Azores and he was killed. At that time, Graziano replaced him as the title opponent.

Mitri, even though he lost a fifteen round decision to the Bronx Bull, gave a fine account of himself.

Willie Ritchie was a long-range substitute who made good. He began his career as an emergency fighter in 1907. Ritchie was to have acted as a second for a friend, Frankie Edwards, and when one of the preliminary boys failed to show the promoter begged Willie to take the absent boxer's place. He did and lost the match, a two rounder.

Willie accounted for two of the greatest feats as a sub when he stepped from among the spectators to box two of the game's then outstanding boxers —Fredie Welsh and Young Erne.

He subbed for Ad Wolgast against Welsh on November 30, 1911 and lost a 20-round decision, a sizzling bout in which he displayed the superb boxing skill which ultimately made him a champion.

When Packey McFarland became indisposed just before he was to face Erne at Philadelphia on February 7, 1912, "fireman" Ritchie, Packey's stablemate, was paged from among the ringsiders and asked to fill in for McFarland in a six-round no-decision affair. Willie gained the newspaper verdict.

At that time Willie was nobody's sub in the strictest sense of the word. He had defeated Jack Britton and bested Matty Baldwin in 20 sessions. He boxed Ad Wolgast in a four round no-decision match at San Francisco on May 11, 1912, fighting under wraps and convincing Wolgast that will Willie would be the perfect opponent for a championship go.

They were matched for the title, November 28, 1912, at Daly City, Calif. Ritchie won the championship on a foul in the sixteenth round. After raising the title poundage from 133 to 135, Ritchie lost the crown when he defended it against Freddie Welsh at London, England on July 7, 1914.

Lou Nova, now a thespian, gained the impetus which netted him a chance at the heavyweight title by being the first substitute ever to be rushed to New York from California by airplane. Bob Pastor was training for a match with Gunnar Barlund late in 1938 when Pastor cut his foot while chopping wood. A rush call was put through to California and Nova was petitioned to take Pastor's place. He had fought a draw with Pastor and this was to be his first big-time fight in New York. Nova flew in and stopped Barlund in seven rounds and catapulted himself into heavyweight contention. He was later matched with Joe Louis for the title and was kayoed in seven heats.

Back in 1946, Willie Pep held New York recognition as featherweight champion, while Sal Bartolo was the N.B.A. boss and a match was made for March 1 of that year which would settle matters. But Sal's sudden illness called off the title affair and Jimmy McAllister, who had surprised by holding Pep to a draw in Baltimore a few months before, was called in. Pep, in almost 100 pro bouts, had only one loss (to Sammy Angott) and the draw with McAllister to mar his record. So it figured to be a good match and a splendid opportunity for the Baltimore battler to show his stuff before a big-time audience against a great champion. Pep, never one to end matters quickly unless need arose, iced McAllister in two heats.

One of the quickly-recalled examples of a successful Garden substitute was Lee Oma. He leaped in for Joe Baksi in a bout with Tami Mauriello on three days' notice. Oma didn't win that night, he was knocked out. But it was the opportunity he had been waiting for and in subsequent fights he built himself a following with his style of colorful clowning.

Oma had helped Mauriello get in shape for the Baksi fight and strangely enough, while in camp, he turned an ankle which required his cancelling a bout. When he was ready he took on Teddy Randolph at the Queensboro Arena and got eight good rounds under his belt. When the call came several days later for him to sub for Baski he was ready.

Speaking of Baksi, he was probably the No. 1 substituter-rooter of all time. Joe, endowed with all the attributes which make for a champ, had the uncanny luck of being in the wrong place at the wrong time or, if being at the right place, then coming up with some injury or illness which robbed him of the chance of making good.

Baksi disliked training and his withdrawal from matches because of real or imaginary ailments or injuries caused many a matchmaker a headache. He also "made" Lee Savold as a comeback fighter and in Lee produced the "perfect substitute."

On March 19, 1948, Baksi was to have fought Gino Buonvino in Madison Square Garden, but had to withdraw at the last moment. Savold, who was on the tail-end of his career, subbed and turned in the quickest knock out in Garden main event history, halting Buonvino in 54 seconds of the first round. From there Savold went on to become one of the leading lights of the heavyweight division and even gained British recognition as the world heavyweight champion when he stopped Bruce Woodcock with Joe Louis retired and the crown vacant.

Why the perfect sub? Well, Baksi got around to fighting Buonvino three years later, on October 19, 1951, not at the Garden, but at smaller St. Nicholas Arena. Baksi, who could have gone on to great things a few years before, also kayoed Buonvino in one round—a duplicating 54 seconds to be exact.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

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Champion, 161½, looking fit after his visit to New Zealand to visit his brother, showed championship form in defeating Lew Lazar, Aldgate, 159¾, in the fifth when the latter was saved from taking further punishment by the intervention of referee Jack Hart . . . Lazar who holds the Southern Area Middleweight Title, announced his retirement from boxing. A wise decision for in his latter bouts Lew Lazar win or lose, was absorbing too much punishment . . . Ron Warnes, Erith, 142¾, outpointed Terry Banning, Leamington, 140½, in six . . . Ron Jones, West Ham, 124, outpointed Terry Rees, Catford, 128, in six . . Alan Peacock, Brockley, 168½, clearly outpointed Billy Smith, Sydenham, 170¾, in six.

▶ WEMBLEY . . . Billy Corcoran, Harrow, 149, defeated Kenny Seaman, Barbados, 154½, in the second round, when the latter retired with a damaged hand . . . Barney Beale, Lambeth, 135¾, gained a good points win over the former Scottish Amateur Champion Tommy McGuinness, Edinburgh, 137, in eight . . . Frankie Turner, Camden Town, 134, stopped Terry Russell, Poplar, 134, within a few seconds of the final bell in the sixth . . . Derek Jack, Bristol, 129, was fortunate to receive the full honours against Dennis Saunders, Boreham Wood, 131, in six . . . Billy Desmond, Finsbury Park, 162¾, gave full value for his points win over Billy Short, Streatham, 165, in six . . . Billy Cornelius, Walworth, 175, outpointed Vernon Goodman, Christchurch, 173, in a hard hitting six . . . Joe Somerville, Berkenhamstead, 154 ,outpointed Roy Holder, Trinidad, 160, in six.

▶ BAMBURY . . . Ronnie Rush, Cardiff, formerly of Trinidad, 136, dictated the contest against Harry Edwards, Smethwick, 134, and was a deserving points winner at the end of eight exciting rounds . . . Mick Barone, Brixton, 152, stopped Malcolm Gretton, Beeston, 153, in the fourth when the referee intervened in his favour . . . Colin Saleombe, Birmingham, 126, was ruled out in the fourth round of his bout with Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 126, for striking the latter when the referee stopped the bout to warn the Sheffield boxer for an infringement . . . Len Harvey, Cardiff, 127, took 90 secs to knock out Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 129, in the first . . . Billy Wallace, Beeston, 146, scored a clear points win over Johnny Coles, Nottingham, 142, in six . . . Carl Davies, Oxford, 137, stopped Tony Mulholland, Birmingham, 134, when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye in the third.

▶ LIVERPOOL . . . Hogan Bassey, Nigeria, Featherweight Champion of The World, 128, reversed a previous decision over Pierre Cossmyns, Belgium, 128, that the latter had won in 1952, by winning easily over ten rounds . . . Bassey leaves for the United States where he will defend his Title . . . This bout was a good work out for The Champ . . . Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 145, gained a narrow points win over Jimmy O'Connell, Bootle, 145, in a hard fought eight . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 125, took another step up the ladder towards the title when he defeated John Smillie, Fauldhouse, 123¾, in the fourth round. The Scot was 123¾, in the fourth round.

NOW YOU KNOW . . .

DICK DANIELS, Minneapolis heavyweight a score of years ago, is a liquor salesman in hometown for Lynn Johnson. . . . **COWBOY GUERY,** Cincinnati bantamweight star of the early 1930's, operating a gas station in eastern part of Cincy. . . . **GUS LESNEVICH,** former light heavyweight champion, is a sales representative for Tose, Inc., in Jersey City, N. J.

BUCKY LAWLESS, one-time welter and middleweight who holds wins over many top men, is a patient at Willard State Hospital, Willard, N. Y. . . . **FRANKIE NELSON,** a top welterweight before World War I, owns the Marine Bar on River Street in Hoboken, N. J. . . . **JOCK MALONE,** one of St. Paul's greats, works for the Ford Motor Co.

TOMMY MARVELIA, featherweight of the 1930's, is a PAL boxing instructor in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. . . . **NORMAN MASTRIAN,** Minneapolis lightweight whose last bout was against Glen Flanagan in 1948, working for Northern Air Conditioning Co. . . . **JACK GIBBONS,** light heavyweight of the mid-1930's, who was handled by his dad, Mike Gibbons, is on the board of the Minnesota Boxing Commission.

BRYAN DOWNEY, who laid claim to the middleweight title in the early 1920's, working at the North American Aviation Plant in Los Angeles. . . . **RALPH DE JOHN,** of the Fighting DeJohn's, who campaigned as a middleweight for over a decade, is a bartender at Andre's Tic Toc Club in Syracuse, N. Y.

SAMMY VERSE, one-time pro lightweight from Omaha, now grows peaches in Wenatchee, Wash. . . . **JACKIE MANDELL,** who fought Fidel LaBarba in 1929, works at the Dunes Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev. . . . **CLYDE CHASTAIN,** light heavyweight, who had 160 pro bouts and fought two world champions in the 1930's, is a master sergeant assigned to Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

FRANKIE FLEMING, Canadian lightweight who kayoed Benny Leonard in 1913, lives in Montreal and is in charge of that city's voting district. . . . **PACKEY "KID" LYON,** old time bantamweight who claims to have scored 43 one round kayoes, is a retired railroad engineer living in Chicago.

JACKIE BRADY, former Syracuse, N. Y. middleweight star, is a conditioner at the Beverly Hills Country Club. . . . **FRANK WOTANSKI,** Utica, N. Y. heavyweight of the early 1930's, is with the Esso-Standard Oil Co., living at Seaford, N. Y. . . . **MILTON LATT,** who quit boxing after eleven pro bouts around Washington, D. C., is president of Latt's Tie & Togs

WALTER MOHR, the old Blond Tiger of Brooklyn, recuperating after an illness at his country home, R.D. 3, Cherry Lane, E. Stroudsburg, Pa. . . . **CESAR BRION,** South America heavyweight of a few years back, working as a cook in a Newburgh, N. Y. restaurant. . . . **JERRY McCARTHY,** who fought Stanley Ketchel at Great Falls, Mont., on December 19, 1905, is a trainer of a baseball team in the Pacific Coast League. . . . **PAUL DEMERS,** New England bantamweight champ in 1921, is an apartment house superintendent in Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

ANOTHER YEAR OF BOXING IS OVER AND THE FIRST month of fighting in 1958 has gone, too. The past year has been a mixed one, with good fights and mediocre ones—even one or two poor ones. Interest has been up and down, depending on the contestants engaged. Sydney Stadium, our largest arena (indoor) was jammed with 14,000 fans and an additional 3,000 outside failing to gain admission for the George Barnes vs. Attu Clottey fight. On the other end of the scale, one or two fights drew only 1,000 fans.

GEORGE BARNES, our Australian and Empire welter king, made more money from boxing than any other Australian during the year. In fact, George has made more money from boxing during his career, than any Australian in history, except for Jimmy Carruthers. In two fights in Australia in 1957, George got a total of about $12,250. He also had two fights overseas, for which he received a total of about $6,670.

Barnes was included among the six contenders for the world welter title, but turned down the offer because he is not the fighter he was and would not have won the title. Had the offer come a couple of years ago, George would have been well in it. Furthermore he figured the IBC offer to pay him only $4,000 TV money and fight expenses, ridiculous. He can do better here in any ordinary fight.

We had 24 importations fighting in Australia during 1957. The most successful was the South African, MIKE HOLT, who won his four bouts here inside the distance. Mike revealed a deadly punch.

Fighters of the year were: Russell Sands, Warner Batchelor, George Barnes, Dick White, Max Carlos, Clive Stewart, Frankie Bennett, in roughly that order. However, Stewart did disappoint a little, even though he won all his bouts. During the year he beat Coluzzi again, George Barnes, Billy Hester and Milo Savage. Clive won his other fights so very easily.

Seven Australian title tilts took place in Australia last year. BILLY McDONNELL re-won his middleweight title from LUIGI COLUZZI. DARBY BROWN, KEVIN JAMES and DON BRONCO JOHNSON retired during the year.

Most improved fighters were: RUSSELL SANDS, FRANKIE BENNETT, BRIAN BENNETT, MAX MURPHY, STEVE ZORANICH, BILLY STANLEY and CHARLIE SMITH.

Busiest fighter was welter, BOBBY PIPER, who had 17 bouts from four-rounders to tens. JOE CALINO and MICKEY NILE each had 16 bouts, while ERN CAVANAGH, ANDY KEON and YOUNG NASSER each had 15 contests.

Of the main-event boys, FRANKIE BENNETT, BRIAN BENNETT, CLIVE STEWART, ALLEN WILLIAMS, DICK WHITE, GRAHAM LAMONT, BILLY TODD and JACK WALSH each went through the year undefeated. White scored six KO wins from his eight contests.

The opening night of 1958 at Sydney Stadium saw a great contest between BILLY STANLEY and BILLY TODD, welters. STANLEY won by KO in the eleventh round.

My ratings follow.

HEAVYWEIGHT: Champion: Allen Williams. Best, in order: Allen Williams, Steve Zoranich, Sandy Assogna, Bob Murdoch.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT: Champion: Ricardo Marcos. Best, in order: Ricardo Marcos, Carlo Marchini, Sandy Assogna, Bob Murdoch.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: Champion: Billy McDonnell. Best, in order: Clive Stewart, Billy McDonnell, Luigi Coluzzi, Graham Lamont, Harry Castles.

WELTERWEIGHT: Champion: George Barnes. (Also Empire champion). Best, in order: George Barnes, Harry Grogan, Billy Stanley, Billy Todd, Coogan Brown.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Champion: George Bracken. Best, in order: Russell Sands, Max Carlos, George Bracken, Bobby Sinn, Stan Hayward.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Champion: Bobby Sinn, who no longer can make the weight and soon is expected to relinquish his title. Best, in order: Frankie Bennett, Max Murphy, Brian Bennett, Darcy Carr, Harold Piper.

BANTAMWEIGHT: Champion: Dick White. Best, in order: Dick White, Warner Batchelor, Johnny Jarrett, Teddy Rainbow, Bindi Jack.

FLYWEIGHT: Champion: Warner Batchelor. Best, in order: Warner Batchelor, Bindi Jack, Harry Ahsee, Snowy Allen, Ian Otago.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY

By J. A. Tree

DORTMUND: — AFTER WITNESSING HENRY COOPER GIVE GERMAN champion, Hans Kalbfell a boxing lesson, few thought that Heinz Neuhaus had a chance against our heavyweight. The 7000 crowd saw the local matador in one of his better moods share points with Cooper at the Westfalenhalle at Dortmund.

The British party were not at all pleased with the verdict. One could not blame them for Cooper was in front after ten bitter rounds. But they did not take into consideration that to win three clear points were needed. Taking this into consideration, a draw was the only verdict.

The contingent of British troops present sank back in their seats as Cooper hit the deck in round four. A left hook to the chin followed by two rights sent our man to the canvas.

Round six saw Neuhaus on the canvas. How he got there is a matter for speculation. Cooper told me afterwards that he caught the German with a left hook after slipping a blow. Neuhaus denied this and declared he was off balance and slipped.

Cruiser: Ivano Fontana (Italy) lost KO 4 to ERICH SCHOPPNER (Witten). The German is undefeated in 19 starts.

Feather: Willi Quatuor (Dortmund) won the vacant feather title outpointing Alfred Schweer (Bochum) over 12 rounds. Quatuor is the youngest champion at 20 years of age. He has had only 12 paid starts.

Middle: Erich Walter (Hamburg) drew 8 with Ahmed Fahrat (France).

Cruiser: Rolf Peters (Dortmund) won points 6 over Raymond Mocques (France). ▶4,500 saw undefeated Hanswerner "Buttje" Wohlers (Hamburg) stop Constant Alcantara (France) in seven rounds at the Ernst Merck Halle in Hamburg. The Frenchman provided the German with a good fight until he ran into a left hook to the liver area in round seven and was KOed. He came in as a last minute substitute for the injured Pat McAteer but did not disappoint the crowd in attendance.

IMPORTANT CORRECTIONS

On Page 586, in the last line of the record of Roy Harris, an error appears in which it is stated that on Dec. 28, 1957, Harris was knocked out by Willie Miller in Milwaukee. This knockout belongs to Will Harris of Peoria, Ill., listed on the same page, and not Roy Harris, who has never been defeated.

On Page 92, the top line, reading "Beau Jack," should be transferred to the top of page 93. Fights in Madison Square Garden, on Page 93, are those of Beau Jack's.

On Page 287, in Joe Brown's record, transfer the Nov. 12 and Dec. 4 fights listed under 1952 to the end of 1957.

On Page 454 in the record of Al Andrews change Dec. 21 fight with Louis Bailey to read Lost 8 rds.

On Page 464 in the record of Louis Bailey change Dec. 21 fight with Al Andrews to read Won 8 rds.

On Page 97, the second bout in 1957 should read Kenny Lane vs. Henry Brown, not Joe Brown.

The complete record of Cleveland Williams, not listed in the index, will be found on Page 773.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

WATERBURY — CONNECTICUT'S FIRST BOXING SHOW IN months got off the wrong foot financially. With New England's winter weather as unpredictable as ever, Promoter Tony Paoli was unfortunate to hit one of the worst stormy days of the year.

In the feature of ten rounds, Billy Lynch, 148½, of Hartford was opposed by Paoli Melis, 151½, formerly of Italy, now of Montreal, Canada. Melis had a good opening round in a toe-to-toe exchange that had the crowd wild. I thought Lynch was closing the gap as the round ended.

The second was another hair raising round until Lynch, stepping back from an exchange at close quarters, caught Melis with a solid, short, straight right hand to the side of the head, that dropped his opponent, Melis, on rubbery legs, just managed to get up at the count of nine, but was immediately back on the deck from a right to the jaw, that prompted Referee George Parker to stop the bout at 2:25 of the round.

In the other two pro bouts, Oliver Wilson, 201, Hartford, won a hard fought close 6 round decision, over Sam Jones, 199, New York City. Al Pell, 118, Brooklyn, scored a KO over Young Saint, 121, Holyoke, in 2:49 of the second round.

▶Waterbury—With fair weather and two local boys featuring the card, Promoter Tony Paoli's second offering of the year fared much better than his first show. In co-feature eights, Irish Pat Mallane, 138½, of near by Naugatuck and Waterbury's Joe Fusco, 153½, delighted a crowd of 939 fans by scoring decisive knock out victories over their opponents. Mallane made short work of his bout with Charlie Simms, 143½, of Canton, Ohio by scoring a clean KO in 2:14 of the second round with a left hook and right to the jaw. Fusco making his first pro start at home in over a year and fresh from five straight wins in New York, was pitted against Dobie Josie, 157½, Springfield. Fusco dropped Josie in the first round, then twice in the second, and when he was down in the third round, Referee Joe Howard decided Josie had enough. The time 2:45. A very good undercard of semi-pro bouts rounded out the show. The show grossed $1825.50.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

THERE WASN'T ANY POWER PUNCHING TO SPEAK OF and perhaps their styles didn't make a good fight but Harold Johnson, Philadelphia boxer, was able to return to the Quaker City with a point win over Bert Whitehurst, muscular Baltimore slugger, in a dull ten rounder at the War Memorial auditorium. Despite a 20 pound pull in the weights, Bert at 196 showed only an occasional rush and little in the way of real fistic ability.

Referee Joe Palmer saw the fight a close one as he gave Johnson six rounds, Whitehurst three and called one even. Judge Dick Albino had it 7-2-1 for Johnson. Judge Harold McGrath, an old leather-tosser himself a few years back, also gave Johnson 7 rounds, with one for Whitehurst and 2 even. A crowd of 1,077 turned out, paying $1,832.75 to register Promoter Norm Rothschild's smallest gate to date.

Gene Tortorice, fast rising young Niagara Falls 145 pounder, gained a split decision over Frankie Medley, 143, Brooklyn, in a real close-in slugging affair. Medley didn't back up and Gene carried plenty of force in the rough six rounder that pleased the fans no end.

From Syracuse University's school of physical training came Paul Barkal, 154, to make a nice impression winning over Tommy Shelton, 158, Ithaca, in a fast four. Shelton tried hard but Barkal was too well conditioned and smart for him. It was Paul's third pro win in a row.

In a bout marked by a double knockdown, in the first round, Lee Bohles, 131, Buffalo, halted Lou Civiglia, 131, Lewiston, at the end of the second stanza. Slated for six, both fighters landed right hand punches at the same time and both went down, but each was able to continue at the count of "eight". Bohles floored Civiglia in the second and Lou was decked again as the round ended. With Civiglia bleeding from a cut over the eye and a bruised mouth, Club Physician Dr. Charles Heck stepped in and stopped the go.

Floored in the first, Mose (Kid) Walker, 175½, Midge Mangicaro's fighter, came back to stagger Bobby Bowls, 178, Buffalo, before the round ended. Then the Kid chased the back-pedaling Bowls for two heats before knocking Bobby through the ropes in the fourth and final round. It was a well deserved win for Walker.

Al Simmons, 134, slick looking local sharpie, knocked out Carl Schroeder, 130, Rome, in 1:48 seconds of the second round in the curtain-tilter, scheduled for four rounds.

▶Middleweight boxing champion Carmen Basilio, who defends his crown against Ray (Sugar) Robinson, in Chicago, the night of March 25, is training for the title fracas at Miami Beach, Florida. Basilio to date has received this year the Boxing Writers' award, the Hickok belt, the National Boxing Association's award as the "Boxer of the Year" (1957) and was named The Ring Magazine's "Fighter of the Year". He also received the Syracuse Herald-Journal "Athlete of the Year" award at a dinner at Sam Chiodo's Brown Jug restaurant.

▶George Kartalian, 181, Syracuse, another Irv Robbins' fighter, decisioned Gordon Baldwin, Toronto, 199, in a fast six at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto. Kartalian had Baldwin on the floor in the sixth with a vicious right to the jaw. Gene Tortorice, 148, former Niagara Falls boxer, now fighting out of the Robbins' Syracuse stable, beat George Firenzi, 149, Canada, in another six. George Chuvalo, Toronto heavyweight, whipped Julio Moderos in the ten round headliner.

▶LEFT-HOOKS—"The DeJohn Story" by "Ringsider", well known Syracuse boxing writer, is being published here in book form. . . . It's all about Ralph, Carmen, Joey and Mike DeJohn, the fighting DeJohn clan who have kept boxing alive here during the past 20 years. . . . Big Mike DeJohn, who knocked out Alex Miteff in one round here, found the win a block toward getting fights. . . . No one wants to mingle with the hard belting Syracusan.

Norm Rothschild, president of the Arena Boxing Club, Inc., will promote five pro bouts along with the Basilio-Robinson telecast in Syracuse at the Coliseum and same in Rochester, at the Memorial Auditorium on March 25.

While Johnny DeJohn and Joe Netro are getting tanned in Florida with Champ Basilio, Irv Robbins and his stable of leather pushers are keeping things humming at the gym here, where Basilio prepared for all his previous title fights.

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

JOE SCHMOLZE, YOUNGER BROTHER OF AL, IS cutting quite a name for himself at the University of Wisconsin boxing team.

Bob Christopher, Minneapolis former Marshall High School Athlete and Golden Glove champion here, won the 165 pound champion at the University of Wisconsin meet where Schmolze beat the Champion but lost a split decision to Charley Moore.

Old Gene Connolly, Minneapolis boxing professor and trainer of Del Flanagan and Glen, is busy looking for new prospects. He gets a kick out of handling young fighters and won't steer them wrong.

Note correction—On December 21, Louis Bailey defeated Al Andrews in 8 rounds and not as was previously stated that Andrews was the victor.

▶ Tommy O'Loughlin, former Minneapolis promoter and former manager of Elmer Ray, now has a new heavyweight from Sioux City Iowa by the name of Terry Lewis who boxed in Minneapolis against Benny Mason, a real tough guy, in the headline bout at the Ascension Club. Tommy Anderson, who promotes weekly shows there, won a six rounder from Mason.

Other bouts on the card were as follows: Terry Lewis, 237, Sioux City, Iowa, decisioned Benny Mason, 186, St. Paul (6). George Reiter, 124, Minneapolis, won by TKO over Reedy McLean, 127½, Chicago (1). Roger Johnson, 145, St. Paul, decisioned Bob Anderson, 145½, Minneapolis, (4). Frank Borshelm, 198½, Wheaton, won by TKO over Chuck Jasper, 182½, Duluth (1). Danny Davis, 144½, Minneapolis, and Jim McNamara, 150½, St. Paul, drew (6).

▶ Glen Flanagan promoted a boxing card at Montevideo, Minn. Jerry Conrad, 146, and Dick Newell, Minneapolis, 144, drew in eight rounds, Ted Palzer, St. Paul heavyweight, and Connie Lee, St. Paul, drew in six rounds, Don Weller, St. Paul, 144, won over Jim McNamara, 145, Chicago, six rounds, Joe Thomas, Minneapolis, 133, beat Joe, Anderson, 133, in four.

▶ Emmett Weller and Newton Scott, promoters, staged a show at Roseville, Minn. and drew a good crowd. In the main event, Jim Hegerle, St. Paul middleweight, won over Jim Sargent, Peoria, Ill., middleweight, in ten rounds in a great fight. Both boys weighed 165.

Don Weller, St. Paul welterweight, 145, beat Willie Harris, Chicago, 145, in six round semi windup.

▶ Brainerd, Minn: Del Flanagan, St. Paul, 155, beat Abe Cruz, 160, Chicago, in ten round main event. Don Weller, St. Paul's sensational welterweight, beat Jim McNair, Chicago welter in six rounds and Joe Thomas, Minneapolis, 135, beat Joe Tousie, Chicago, in six rounds.

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NEBRASKA BOXING
By Floyd Hayes

OMAHA: — PROFESSIONAL BOXING WENT BACK ON THE SHELF while the amateurs took over for the staging of the 25th Annual Golden Gloves tourney, sponsored by the Omaha World-Herald.

After two evenings of slugging the following boys emerged as champions: 112 Lbs.—Midge Minor; 118 Lbs.—Willie (Boots) Washington; 126 Lbs.—Bill Novak; 135 Lbs.—Billy Erwin; 147 Lbs.—Gerald Harris; 160 Lbs.—Melvin Swillie; 175 Lbs.—George Matlock and Heavyweight—Bill Nielsen.

The old timers smiled in delight as former boxer Stanley Novak entered his two sons in the tournament and saw Bill walk off with the featherweight crown. Stanley has been grooming his boys ever since they doffed the three corner pantaloons.

Yano DiGiacomo, a dandy in his day, saw his son Yano Jr., battle his way to the finals of the welterweight division and then lose by default as the doctor ruled him out after he had a terrible bruised body. This was the first year for DiGiacomo and the kid has real promise.

Rocky Marciano shared the refereeing duties with the ever popular Alex Fidler of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

AFTER MANY YEARS OF DREAMS AND HOPES FOR A SPORTS ARENA, Jacksonville is about to realize one of its fondest ambitions. Construction will begin on a stadium in July and completion is expected the following year. Boxing will be featured as part of the program and the sport should do much to popularize the sports arena. Jacksonville has the Gator Bowl and the new Jacksonville Baseball Park, but needed a sports palace to give the Gateway City a truly remarkable area for entertainment, all under one wing.

▶ Unless "Under Southern Skies" is in error, this season is by far the poorest in the fight game for quite some years in Florida. Chris Dundee, at Miami Beach, was the only active pro-promoter with two shows the past month. Glenn Sheppard had a couple at Fort Lauderdale with the amateurs. Dundee's shows added spark however since both saw underdogs fool opposition and the public.

▶ Holly Mims furnished one-half the headline event and the other half a big surprise in his 10 round tangle with Ring Magazine's ranking middleweight Bobby Boyd at Miami Beach. Having not fought since last April when Jimmy Beecham outpointed him in the same ring, Mims faced the highly-reputed, classy Chicagoan with little chance to win. After it was all over one would have expected the decision to go to the Washington, D. C. veteran, but no, two of three officials saw it all-even. Boyd scored the most blows but Mims seemed to have the most power in his. Mims dropped the favorite in the eighth round. The middle rounds were Boyd's best. Co-promoted by Chris Dundee and Jim Norris, of the IBC, the match drew 2,496 fans plus millions watching over TV. The gate: $6,594.25. Voting even were, Referee Eddie Coachman and Judge Eddie Thal. Boyd got Judge Barry Pearlman's tab.

Gomeo Brennan, 155, Bimini, took an eight from Willie (Kid) Johnson, 152, Miami and Jacksonville; Bo Willis, 193, Miami, bested Johnny Pew, 180, Miami, in four; Dan Toriana, 137, Rochester, N. Y., won by a TKO in three over Duane Simpson, 139, Hialeah; Tommy Stru, 194, Ithaca, N. Y., bested Lee Lowers, 176½, Miami, in four; Bob Jemilo, 139½, Chicago, took four from Al DuBois, 136, Miami, Henry Ferguson, 146¼, Nassau, TKOed Jim Watson, 155, Homestead Air Force Base, in 1:52 of the opening round.

▶ Wilfie Greaves entered the ring on the short end of the odds but walked out later with a 10 round upset decision over Jimmy Peters before 1,814 fans in Chris Dundee's headliner at Miami Beach. The winner, 160, from Canada, was on some occasions guilty of using his head, the possible fault for Peters' cut eye in the fourth. Peters came in heavy at 159½, which no doubt hurt his chances of winning or getting a draw.

The gate was $3,011. Cy Gottfried refereed and judging were, Gus Jacobson and Fred Aaronson. All agreed on Wilfie.

Kid Pie Jordan, 131¾, Miami, won by a TKO in the second round over Curly Allen, 125, Miami. Jo Jo Jordan, 156½, Miami, grabbed a four from Levi Pearson, 161½, also Miami. Ernie DeLauria, 159½, of Philadelphia, drew in four with James Thomas, 158¼, of Miami. Marshall Harrison, 176¼, Detroit, bested Gene Cooper, 177½, of Miami, in another four. Andy Arel, 136, Massena, N. Y., won an eight rounder from Ray Estepa, 136½, of Puerto Rico.

▶ Jimmy Morris, 155 pounder from Miami, scored a fifth round knockout over Benjamin Lewis, 158, of Panama, at Kingston, Jamaica.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

MURPH GRIFFITH'S DESTROYER FORCE BOXING TEAM, overwhelmed the combined teams of the N. A. S. and Ft. Story. The destroyer battlers won 7 of the 8 matches. The 3rd man chores was handled by your writer. The matches were held at the McCormick Sport Center, in Norfolk. The winners in the All-Navy tourney were:

127 lbs., Rice Weston; 132 lbs., Ralph Wright; 132 lbs., Concepcion DelGado, 132 lbs., James Lee; 147 lbs., Lewis Callendo; 147 lbs., Duhart Bailey; 165 lbs., Danny Fagan; Heavy, Roy Louson.

▶ Langley Air Force team afforded little opposition for the Destroyer Force mittmen, losing 9 out of the 10 bouts. The show held in the McCormick Sport Center, drew about 900 spectators. The crowd pleaser among the 10 fights turned out to be the 119-lb. class battle between the DesLant's Ralph Wright and Sermin Estonio. Both boys bled profusely throughout as they battled toe-to-toe. Wright was the winner on a close decision.

The winners were: 112 lbs., Chick Brady; 119 lbs., Ralph Wright; 126 lbs., Tabby Lee; 132 lbs., Concepcion DelGado; 139 lbs., Duhart Bailey; 147 lbs., Ernest Curtis; 156 lbs., Willie Branch; 165 lbs., Daniel Fagan; 178 lbs., James Jackson; Heavy Roy Louson.

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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
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THERE WERE NO PROFESSIONAL BOXING MATCHES IN the state last month. Orville Pitts, the big card here and a law student at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, begged off of a proposed bout because of four examinations that would interfere with his training.

John J. Walsh will step down as boxing coach at the University of Wisconsin at the end of this season. He tendered his resignation to Athletic Director Ivy Williamson and recommended his assistant for 20 years, Vernon Woodward be given the job.

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